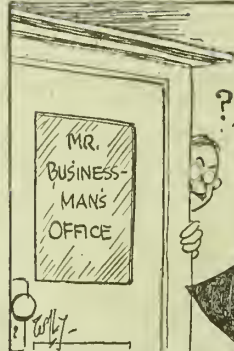


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This Week—Auto Accessories

Two weeks ago Buddy covered on this page his plan for getting the co-operation of every Legionnaire dealer, salesman or jobber.

The Stave Hero told how the dealer was the real pivot man of advertising. And he asked that dealers in every line write to him on their business stationery, naming the products they handle and stating why these should be advertised in our Weekly. He also asked that they inform him of how many Legionnaires they dealt with in their respective communities.

This talk was virtually the result of a challenge put to Buddy by a manufacturer. The manufacturer, who was a national advertiser, did not believe he could reach as many dealers through Buddy's Weekly as he could reach through other national publications.

This week the Ligneous Legionnaire is concentrating his barrage. He wants to hear from those Legionnaires who handle auto accessories.

If two or three thousand of them will write to Buddy,

naming the articles they handle and the amount of business they do with fellow Legionnaires, Buddy will be armed with sales ammunition that will surely bring the Weekly contracts from accessories manufacturers.

The manufacturer put it up to Buddy to bring on the concrete evidence of a dealer-interest in the Weekly and the ownership of cars among our readers.

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IT is no longer necessary for any one to spend money for treatments and drugs and dieting and books and systems and lessons and cures and pills and devices, because perfect and supreme health and life are absolutely free through this marvelous natural law.

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This extraordinary natural law yields amazing nerve force, amazing energy, amazing vitality and amazing power of every character of mind and body—a new and superior life.

Through this sensational natural law, you may have all of the benefits of exercise without exercise; all of the benefits of conscious deep breathing without conscious deep breathing; the full and complete benefit of every vitamin and organic iron without drugs or dieting; all of the benefits of medicine and drugs without medicine and drugs; all of the benefits of auto-suggestion, hypnotism and psychology without auto-suggestion, hypnotism and psychology; all of the benefits of dieting, and every other kind of treatment, device or assistance without these treatments.

Through this amazing natural law, anyone can rid self permanently of nervousness, weakness, congestion, indigestion, rheumatism, constipation, tuberculosis,

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Remember that demonstration and results are immediate and free.

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This secret is offered to you absolutely free. There are no "conditions" or "strings" attached to this offer.

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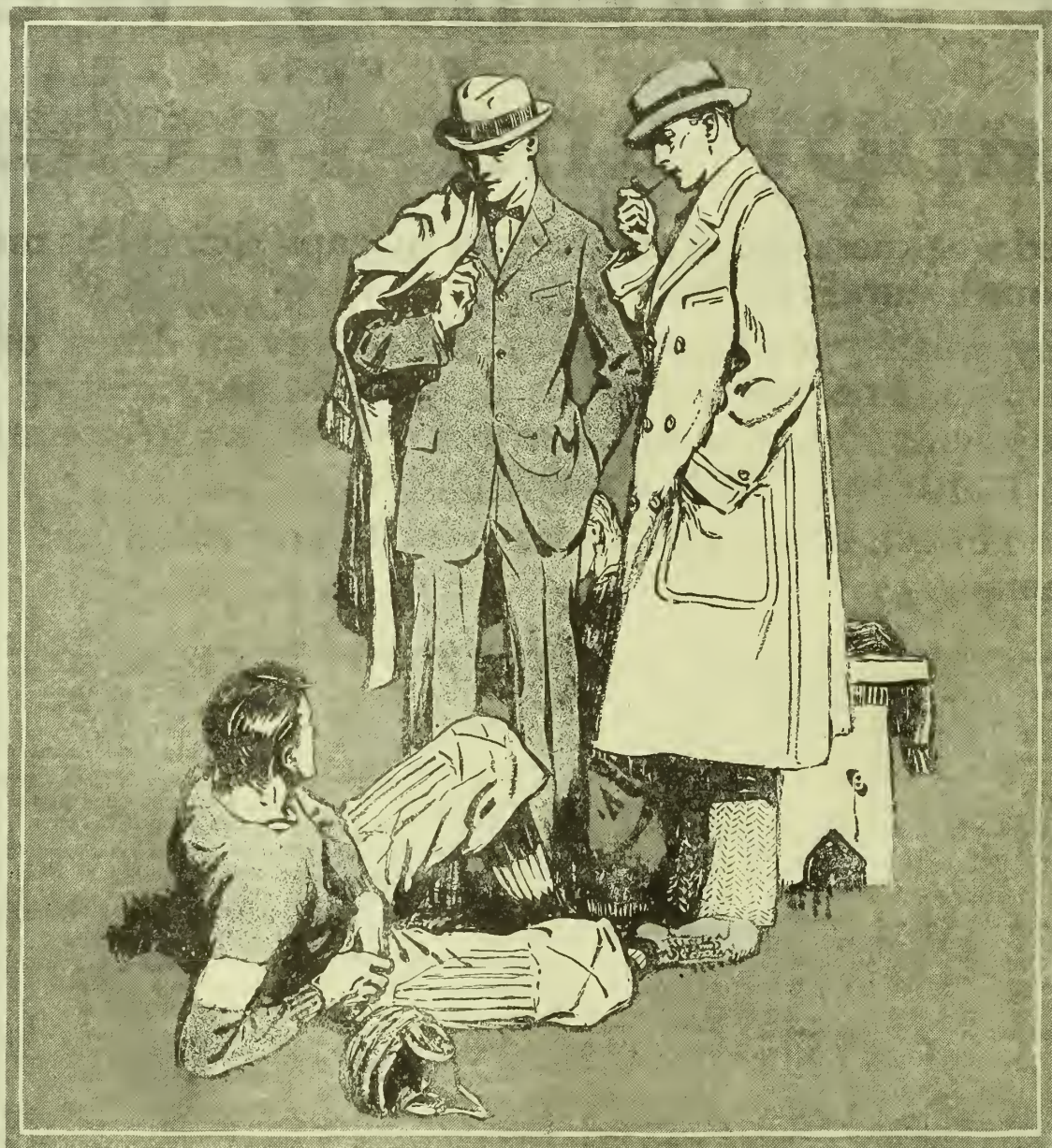
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Special Note.—Many individuals who have obtained this secret claim it is absolutely priceless—worth millions.





THE STYLES YOU WANT THIS FALL AND WINTER

The looser, easy hanging coats are smart; wider button spacing; looser trousers; lower coat openings

Some like the coats with trimmer waist lines; they're stylish, too; some with peaked lapels; others with square notches

The overcoats that are full skirted and easy hanging without belts are popular. Many belted models are being worn, too

You'll find only the newest and best in our clothes. Your satisfaction is guaranteed.

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Down to the Sea in Air Ships

By Samuel Taylor Moore

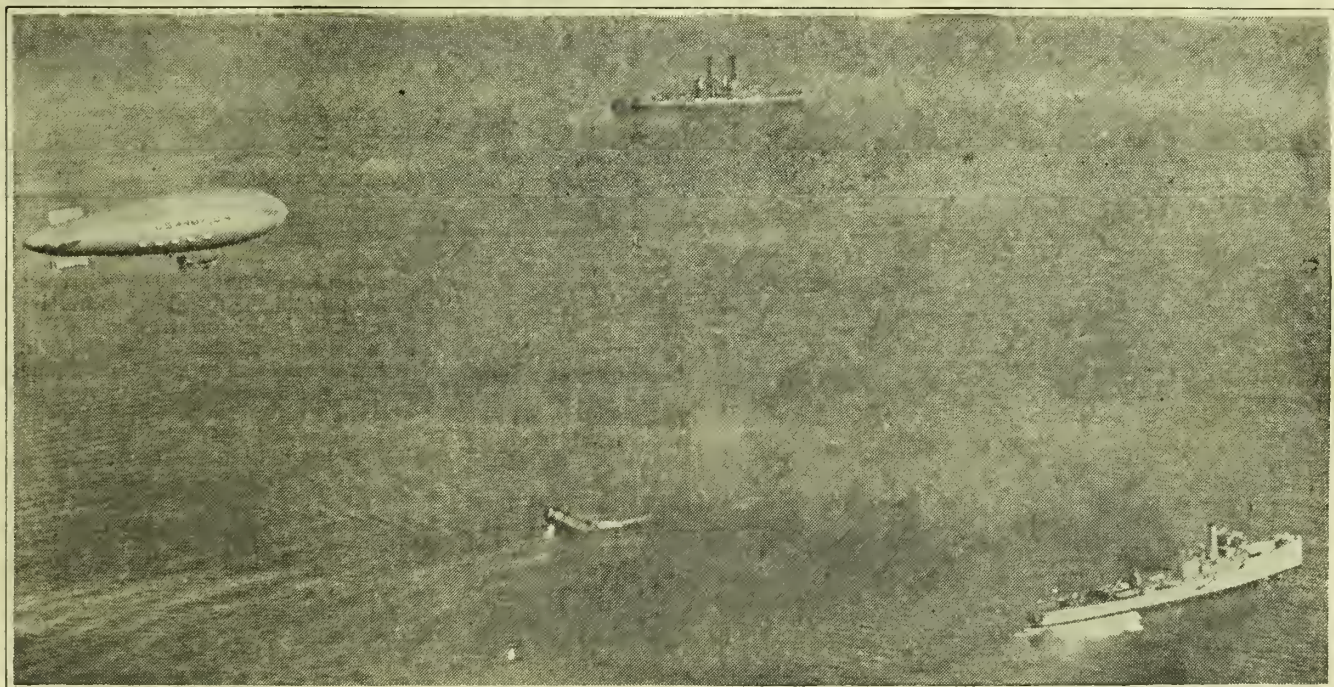
THE other day the transport *St. Mihiel* slipped down the Potomac and stood out to sea—suddenly. Her broad decks were only casually peopled; about the numerical equivalent of an infantry company abroad—Army and Navy officers, a few Congressmen, representatives of the aircraft industry, representatives of the press. We reporters skirmished around to hear what the others, particularly officers of the Army and Navy, had to say—to predict. But we didn't hear much. That was because there wasn't much said either on the Army or the Navy side. No arguments, no boasts, no claims, no banter. It was sort of grim.

There seemed little to remind us of a previous expedition of the same character except by way of contrast. How completely changed was everything except the character of our mission. That was the same. We were going to sea to witness an attack from the air on battleships, an experiment which may revolutionize warfare as it has not been revolutionized since the introduction of gunpowder, an experiment which may alter not the character but the nature of future fighting. Which may revolutionize and alter, I say. I am conservative. There are those who say the revolution is



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A direct hit. The ship is the "Alabama." The explosion of the 2000-pound bomb that struck her when this was taken ended her career

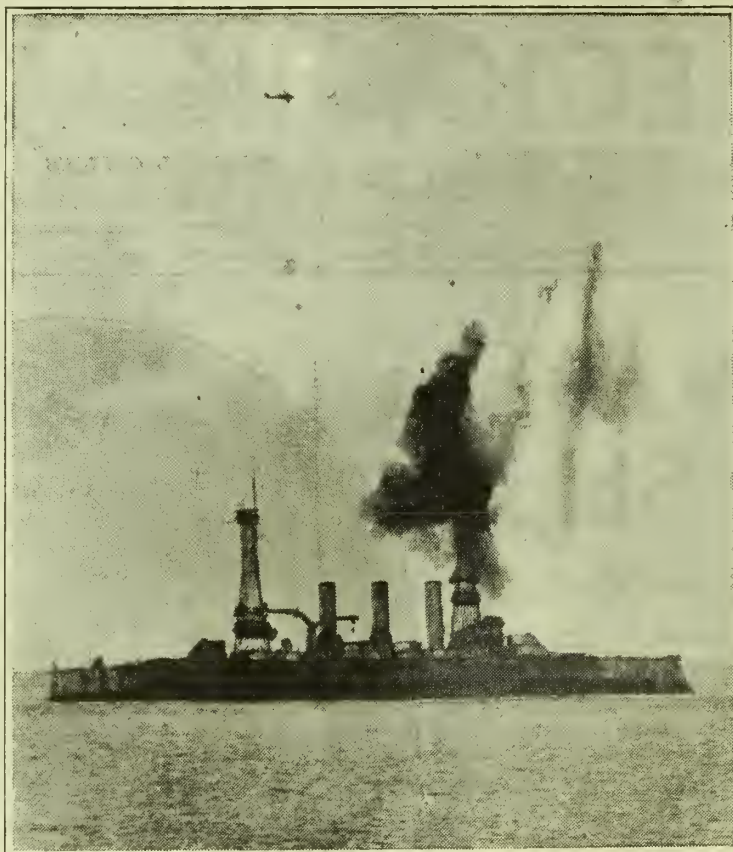


The last of the "Frankfurt." Seventy-five missiles sent the old cruiser to the bottom in thirty-five minutes

accomplished fact; that in the next war the nation which commands the air will also command the sea.

A few years ago no such statement could be made with safety. Since then Brigadier-General William Mitchell of the Air Service has done his best to make it safe. In the fall of 1920 the old battleship *Indiana* was moored in Chesapeake Bay and Navy fliers showered her with bombs. Then Captain W. D. Leahy, director of navy gunnery, came out in an official report and said "the entire experiment pointed to the improbability of a modern battleship being either destroyed or completely put out of action by aerial bombs." To this assertion General Mitchell took complete exception and after a winter of desk warfare a company of experts and reporters went to sea to test the matter out. Navy officials aboard the floating grand stand proclaimed without much reservation the forthcoming humiliation of General Mitchell.

Some surrendered German ships were to be the targets. It was to be a fête day for the Navy. Secretary Josephus Daniels had offered to pilot one of the target ships himself, and this offer was seconded on the spot by an enthusiastic submarine commander who volunteered in all seriousness to maneuver the U-boat which was among the target craft. And as for the dreadnaught *Ostfriesland*, a high naval officer who was familiar with the construction of this vessel merely said she couldn't be sunk from the air, or anyhow it was an even 1,000 to 1 shot that she couldn't.



Photos P. & A.

Flying at a height of 10,000 feet the bombers scored four direct hits on the "New Jersey" out of sixteen tries. This one was a miss, but it came near enough to loosen her plates

The rest is history. On the morning of June 21, 1921, the German submarine *U-117* was sunk in sixteen minutes from the moment that three navy planes roared a thousand feet overhead dropping a cargo of twelve 163-pound bombs. The tests continued. Army and Navy craft demonstrated the scouting possibilities of aircraft by locating the battleship *Iowa* in a 25,000 square mile area 100 miles at sea in less than two hours after they were notified of an approaching "enemy" ship. The German destroyer *G-102* was sunk in nineteen minutes under a hail of 89 bombs varying in size from 25 to 300 pounds. The German cruiser *Frankfurt* sank 35 minutes after the first 600-pound bomb was loosed in a rain of 75 bombs, 54 of which were of the 300-pound size.

The major test was the German dreadnaught *Ostfriesland*, a floating steel fortress of 22,000 tons. An all-day shower of 53 bombs varying in size from 230 to 600 pounds left her still afloat and with only superficial damage to



The finish of a powerful fighter — the "Virginia." Steel bouquets from out of the blue converted her into the wreck seen above. A total of seventy-five bombs were aimed at her in half an hour, at the end of which she sank. The picture at the left was taken a few moments before she went down

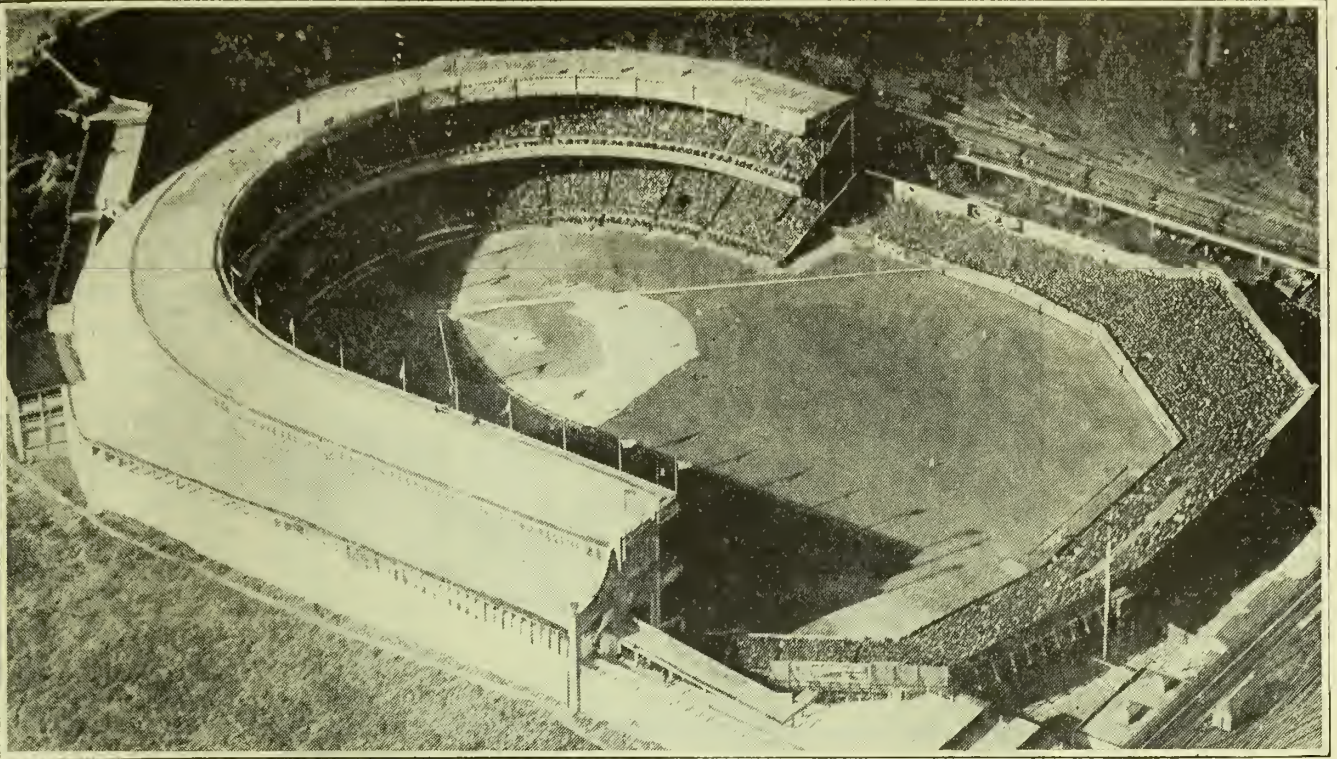
armor and superstructure. That was on July 20 and the naval officers retired that night in high spirits. For the first-line battleship floated. The following evening when those same officers donned pajamas there were lines of worry and distress on their brows. For within the short space of 22 minutes General Mitchell led a flight of twelve Martin bombers, each armed with a 2,000-pound bomb over the dreadnaught target and the *Ostfriesland* was resting on the belly of the ocean, *finis*.

The naval officers who had engineered this plan retired in confusion. No humble pie on General Mitchell's table that evening.

But this did not settle the matter. The controversy raged pro and con and the Army and Navy Club in Washington was the scene of many a memorable

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The opening game of the greatest World's Series ever held—that of 1921—as it appeared to the birds over the Polo Grounds, New York. For the privilege of seeing it and the seven games that followed 269,976 fans paid over \$900,000, a record figure

Baseball, Kindness Mr. Morse

By John R. Tunis

WHAT is your definition of a fan? Most people regard a fan as a man who takes in the big league games, who sits in the bleachers and yells when the home team scores, who registers gloom when the other side sends a player home. But that man is not a real fan.

The honest to goodness fan has probably never seen a big league game. More than likely he comes from a district miles from a big league city, a town that may not even support a minor team. But he is, nevertheless, a real fan. He knows the batting averages of all the leading teams, how many home runs Ruth made in 1920 and what kind of a ball bothers the Giant sluggers. Because he has no home team he is more broadminded than the average partisan who merely wants to see "his" team win. Your real fan is not rooting for any one team; he is rooting for the best team.

Early last fall an excited group of Mongolians stood gathered in the main street of Seoul, the capital of Korea. Every once in a while they would give a loud, shrill cheer, at which noise other pigtailed would come running from side streets to swell the mob. This rapidly increasing throng was not, as you might imagine, cheering the news that the Japanese had evacuated Korea under the terms of the Washington Conference. They were celebrating in Chinese the fact that in the fifth game of the World's Series then being played in New York, Art Nehf had caused Ruth

to swing at three wide ones!

Until last winter, when a team from the major leagues toured Japan and Manchuria, these people had never seen big league ball. But they were real fans just the same. And there are millions of other real fans scattered in parts of the world just as remote as this. In Nome and distant portions of Alaska they are crowding around the bulletin boards every fall to hear about the Series. To Porto Rico and Cuba and the islands of the Atlantic the news must be sent off at once. Places as far away as Edmonton, Canada, where it is almost snow-time when

When this one was snapped near the bulletin board in Times Square, New York, somewhat similar scenes were being enacted in New Orleans, San Francisco, Honolulu and thousands of other far-off places. Today a few seconds after "Babe" Ruth whiffs the air three times every true fan from Tokyo to Paris knows it



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the World's Series is played, tropical Colon on the Isthmus of Panama, Manila in the Philippines, and Paris, France, have a complete play by play score of the Series. Many of the people who watch the results in these places cannot speak English. But to a real fan baseball is a universal language.

Last October nearly two hundred thousand people jammed their way into the Polo Grounds to see the Giants trim the Yanks in five games; but millions the world over heard or saw the games in other ways. Eight hundred thousand, four times as many as the entire attendance at the Series listened in over the radio. Ten times the number were standing in front of electric scoreboards, thousands were at theatres where the results were read out play by play, thousands got the story by telephone, and thousands stood before the newspaper offices in towns and villages while the great drama that was taking place at the Polo Grounds was being unfolded before their eyes. Millions of people of different nationalities saw the Series this way last fall, millions will learn the result this year in like manner. Seconds after the last putout fans in Calgary and El Paso and Honolulu will know the final score. But of the preparations which go to make this possible, few of these fans give even a passing thought.

The newest method of communicating the results of the games is, of course, the radio, and during the past few years an increasingly large number of fans have received their dope by this means. Last year, for the first time, each game was broadcasted from the East, play by play, to listening fans on three continents. And here are a few of the arrangements that have to be made so that a report of the game can reach these fans in their own homes a couple of seconds after the play takes place on the grounds.

First of all, days before the Series begins, wiremen from the central station in New York install the necessary connections at the grounds. An ordinary land wire is run from the press box to the New York broadcasting station, while the morning of the game an outside crew set up their equipment. A microphone is concealed in the press box and after it has been tested everything is in readiness for the afternoon.

Last fall, Grantland Rice, one of the best known sporting writers, took his place in the press box at noon each day. From noon until game time he described the scenes on the field and in the stands. From the moment the game started he reported each play in detail. Several seconds after he had stopped

talking the man in Kansas City, Missouri, knew that Witt had slashed a double down the left foul line. The entire description of the game was handled by Mr. Rice, and reports have reached the offices of the Radio Corporation of America that fans as far away as Maidstone, Kent, in the south of England, and on Catalina Island, off the Californian coast, have got his story of the game perfectly. During the Series the Navy keeps its radio sta-

What kind of man is entrusted with sending a message of this sort to anxious millions. "He must," said a high official of the Western Union, "possess three things. An absolute mastery of the rules of baseball and a knowledge of the players; an absolute mastery of the telegraph instrument; and, third, an absolute mastery over himself. He is stationed at his responsible post to see the facts and to narrate them as such without delay, mistakes, or sentimental coloring."

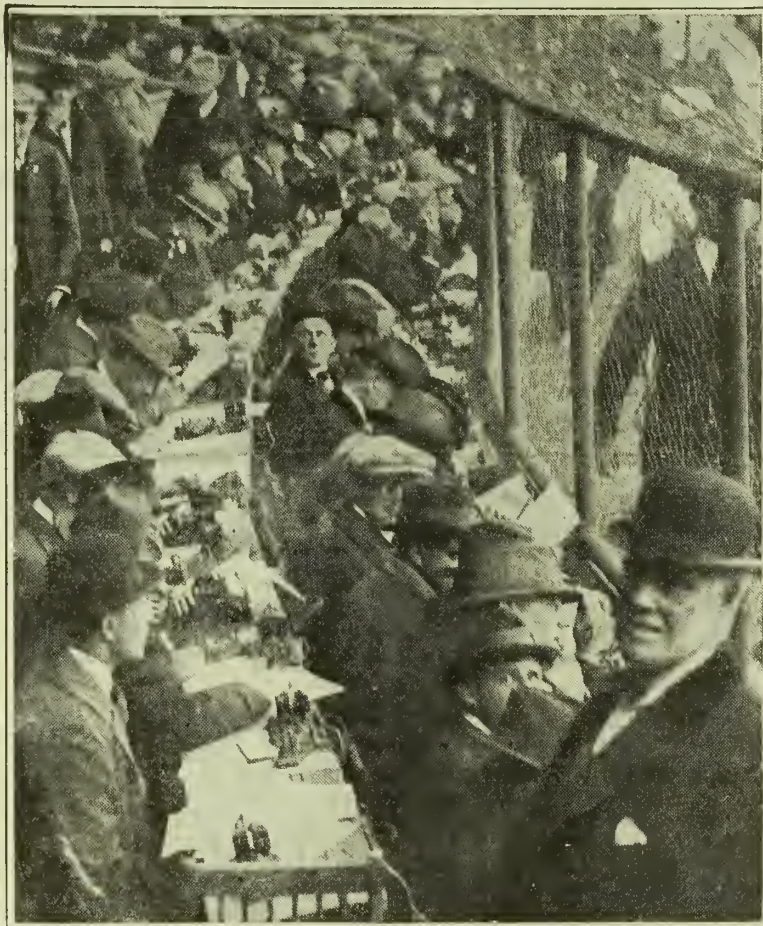
Such a man is Edson S. Brewster, veteran baseball operator of the Western Union Company, who has attended nearly every game at the Polo Grounds for the past thirty years. If you are a fan in the west, it is probable that you are getting your story of the game from Mr. Brewster. The late President received the news of the game from him on a direct wire to the White House. To the many scoreboards in the far east, to the big cities of the South American republics, to the crowd around the newspaper offices on the Avenue De L'Opera in Paris, this man is speaking. And when he speaks the world listens.

Last fall two papers in Tokyo and one in Osaka ran scoreboards after the American method, giving complete reports on the games. Pick up a big Japanese daily any time during the playing season and you will find pictures of Cobb, Ruth and Sisler tucked in between columns of what look like the marks on laundry checks. The colleges of the flowery kingdom play a game that is as good or better than the American colleges. In

1922 Keio University played a six-game series with American universities without dropping a game, while Waseda college toured this country several years ago and beat some of our leading inter-collegiate nines.

If you are a fan in a town of fifty to a hundred thousand people your paper very likely subscribes to one of the large press associations which maintain offices in New York and disseminate reports of the game through their own operators. Their preparations for the big struggle are along somewhat the same lines as the telegraph companies. Some days before the game they run a main trunk line from the Polo Grounds direct to their downtown office. This wire is hooked directly on to their west wire, and the operator on the field can send right through to San Francisco. Their operators, like the Western Union men, are crack baseball experts, trained for two things—speed and accuracy. They must get the stuff and they must get it right. Mis-

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The Press Box at the Polo Grounds. Two hundred writers "cover" the World's Series and the telegraph wires handle 150,000 words of copy on each game. Much of this is sent direct from the field

tions free of all business to enable gobs at sea to get the story of the game.

But the great bulk of fans get their news by wire. Wire in this case means the Western Union, which has charge at the Polo Grounds. Some days before the start of the Series, a trained crew from its main office install a large type Western Union repeater, and from this mechanism on the field stretches a wire that goes across the continent, connecting every important city in the United States and Canada. This wire, the nerve center of the telegraph service of the World's Series, is 45,000 miles long and placed at the Equator, would nearly encircle the globe twice.

FROM this center stretch wires like the net of a spider, connecting up every sizable town in North America. No other messages cut in while play is under way. The wires are free for a waiting world of fans. The words of one man carry throughout this country and even across the sea.

A Personal Page by Frederick Palmer

The Things That Count

THERE is no stopping the flood after the dam is broken. It roars on until its force is spent. War, once started, must roar on until one side or the other is exhausted.

Airplanes will start the next war. In advocating the limitation of air armaments The American Legion has gone straight to the weak spot in the dam.

Let us see why. Man, who does the fighting and suffering in war, is a walking animal. In primeval times he marvelled at the speed of the deer. One day he found that he could get over the ground more rapidly by mounting a horse or hitching a seat on wheels behind a horse. That initiated the first good roads movement.

Later, as he sat in his buggy he was to marvel at the speed of the railroad train. Not much later he looked up from an automobile to see another man sweeping past him overhead on wings. To-day in the time that it takes a player to walk around a golf course a plane will fly three hundred miles or more.

Infantry, which compose the mass of an army, are still the "doughboys" kneading the mud, or the "walk-a-heaps" as the Indians used to call them. When they enter the fire zone, where such large objects as railroad trains and autobuses are targets for the enemy's artillery fire, they advance into battle on foot as walking animals who must be agile as tigers and burrow like rodents.

BEFORE an army makes battle it must be brought together. The side that can get its army trained and together first has the jump on the other. In ancient times this meant that one army outmarched the other. Now it means transport. Speed of conveyance of the soldier and his supplies is the speed of mobilization. Though man fights on foot for the most part, he rides to war.

If the Germans alone had had modern transport facilities, and the French had been limited to marching and horse-drawn carts, the Germans would have been in Paris before the French were well under way to the front. Concentration was a fight for the advantage of days, even of hours. Once either of these two armed camps, in which all able-bodied men were trained soldiers, started mobilization, the war had really begun. The declaration of war was merely trumpeting the fact.

But mobilization did take three weeks. So it was three weeks before the Germans began their drive on Paris. The French were outnumbered. They had to accept the defensive. What had happened in other wars happened again. The defending army made itself a human wall to protect the security of the country behind it in bringing up reserves.

The British were the reserves. The human wall of the French trench line gave them time to train armies and build munition factories. Later, the combined French and British human wall gave America, in turn, time to beat her ploughshares into swords.

Britain and America had not required trained human walls ready before the outbreak of war because Britain had the moat of the British Channel and we had that of the Atlantic Ocean. Where Germany struck her first great blow in three weeks

Britain and America both spent nearly two years in preparation before striking their first great blows.

The length of an army's reach is how far its missiles can carry. Machine gun bullets carried as far in the Argonne as artillery fire at Gettysburg. Beyond the reach of its shells an army could do no damage. The battlefield itself even in the World War was a belt of only ten or twelve miles.

WHERE, in other wars, the infantryman saw the cavalry and guns gallop past him, he saw motor trucks and bikes and staff cars whizzing past in the World War. And from the trenches he looked aloft to see a new arm which was one minute looking down on his own army's rear and the next on the enemy's rear. It was not tied to a road. It did not have to fight its way through but passed over the enemy's human wall. If it flew very high it was safe from ground fire. The close of the World War saw the plane a weapon still in its infancy. It has been growing very fast since the war, as the enormous air power of France, three to one against Britain, has made us realize.

A soldier in the trenches looks aloft to-day to see a form of transport which will carry twenty-five fully equipped infantrymen ready to dig in where they land. One hundred planes will carry twenty-five hundred. A thin-sheathed aerial bomb holds fifteen hundred pounds of T. N. T. while the thick-sheathed armor piercing naval shell has only one hundred. France three to one against Britain—and your imagination will do the rest.

The first big blow in the next European war will be struck from the air by squadrons of planes flying high over battleships and forts. Mobilization will be appallingly swift, not a matter of three weeks but of three hours. And never has it been so important to get in the first blow, which means that you may so cripple your enemy, so get the jump on him, that he will never be able to prepare effectual resistance and will have to yield.

A STATESMAN may go to bed thinking that negotiations will continue in the morning only to be awakened by the news of a declaration of war followed by reports of showers of bombs out of the blue on docks, railroad centers and munition factories while military posts have been drenched with poison gas.

How slight the threat of the launching of the great armies and navies before the World War compared to living under that of such a sudden storm of destruction! Fear's answer will be to arm, and still to arm. We shall have a race of air armaments and an era of apprehension far surpassing anything of the past. One day a nation will think that it is now or never—and the dam will break releasing the flood.

The only remedy is to limit air armament as we have limited naval armament. Then no nation need be tempted into the race; the powers of destruction will be so restricted that no nation can overwhelm another. Our interest in this: Though we may be safe behind our Atlantic moat for the present, we do not want to spend blood and treasure in another European war. We want security for the whole world for the common good. It is for us to take the lead as we did in the reduction of naval armament.

EDITORIAL

France and Germany

A READER forwards the following from the Philadelphia *Bulletin*:

HOW FRANCE AND GERMANY MET WAR DEBTS

Charles P. Vaughan, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who is traveling in Europe, has sent from abroad the following comparison:

FRANCE—1871-73

Population: 36,000,000.
National debt: \$200,800,000.
Collections were made by nurses in the street, and private associations appealed to the nation for subscriptions to the loan to pay the debt to Germany.

The women of France collected funds, and appeals for funds were posted up in every French city.

French cities postponed schemes of improvement to find money for the Germans.

All French private resources were applied to payment of Germany.

Every French instalment was paid punctually or before the stipulated date in two and one-half years from the signing of the peace treaty.

France paid \$43,000,000 by September 5, 1873, in addition to war levies imposed by the Germans on various French cities and cost of food for the army of occupation.

The franc hardly fluctuated, because France was honest and was determined to pay the war debt within the time stipulated by Germany.

Fortunately France has been able to protect herself against German arrogance and duplicity. She has occupied the Ruhr and said she would stay there until the Germans changed their tactics. Germany has howled, whined, schemed and blustered. All of which has had about as much effect on the French as the color of the ex-*kaiser's* second wife's new dress. Now—after nine months of French occupation—the Germans are opening their eyes to the fact that the French intend to collect the reparations due them.

Of course it will be harder for Germany to pay now than it would have been before she started this senseless resistance of the demands of France. But the claim that Germany has been "ruined" by the Ruhr occupation is absurd. Her natural wealth is unimpaired. Marks have become worthless, largely through the connivance of dishonest German financiers, but that, after all, means little. The German wealth is there and Germany can pay.

Aside from Germany, the world in general and France in particular has been inconvenienced by the necessity of action in the Ruhr. But who is responsible? Germany who refused to pay what she owed? Or France who decided that Fritz shouldn't get away with it this time?

Watch Your Gifts

THE United Mine Workers of America call attention to the fact that Russian communists are spending millions in an effort to capture the labor organizations in the United States and that a good share of the money thus expended is contributed by guileless Americans who con-

GERMANY—1919-23

Population: 62,000,000.
National debt: None.

Private associations put up countless posters urging Germans forcibly to resist the fulfillment of the peace treaty.

The German newspapers distributed posters urging the population not to pay, and calling for "vengeance for the shame of 1919."

Germany devoted her revenues to trebling her officials, building railways and reconstituting her merchant marine.

Germany encouraged the flight of private funds to foreign countries to cheat the Allies.

At every meeting of the Reparations Commission some default on the part of Germany had to be recorded for four years after signing the peace treaty.

Germany undertook to pay France \$43,000,000, and has only paid \$17,800,000, in which is included cost of French Army of Occupation. The net sum received by France is placed at only \$2,900,000.

The mark dropped from four to the dollar to 53,000,000 to the dollar because German financiers and the German Government planned its fall.

tribute to various foreign "reliefs." Proof exists that certain "relief" outfits, ostensibly existing to aid the starving and impoverished in Russia and elsewhere, actually are revenue gatherers for political revolutionaries.

America is a land of plenty and we should continue to divide our generous store with the destitute in Russia, in Japan and everywhere. But let us aid the destitute, and not those who seek to overturn our institutions of government under which we have grown prosperous. The legitimate relief organizations are well known. They are well known because of the very fact that they are legitimate, and the funds they receive actually go to alleviate suffering and distress. When you open your purse strings, stick to organizations whose works are *known*. Then you are safe.

Frisco, Philly and Chi

THE city of San Francisco, host-to-be to the Fifth National Convention of The American Legion, may look forward to that event in the assurance that never has a gathering of such size prepared to descend on the community whose membership has been so thoroughly coached to avoid use of the catch-name, Frisco. The Weekly asked Robert Rea, librarian of the San Francisco Public Library, for a statement of the objections to the abbreviation. "California has a very romantic history," Mr. Rea answered, "and most of the names have been taken from historical characters. However, aside from the sentiment, we feel that San Francisco, as well as all large cities of the United States, deserve the dignity of being called by their full names, and I feel assured that all loyal Americans are willing to accord this honor to them."

Mr. Rea is right. Cities are not named casually any more than babies are. Such words as San Francisco, Philadelphia and Chicago are part of a noble historical heritage, and it is only because some of us thoughtlessly lose consciousness of that fact that we sometimes reduce them to undignified abbreviations. No one who refers to San Francisco as Frisco would any more think of designating St. Francis as Frank than he would of calling John the Baptist Jack.

People who live in San Francisco, Philadelphia and Chicago do not say Frisco, Philly and Chi. It is the outsider who likes to pretend familiarity with them who finds easiest recourse to the short epithets. You know the man. He is the individual who was once present at a commercial club luncheon tendered to J. P. Morgan and who has remarked ever since, on the slightest provocation or on none at all, "Oh, yes, Pierp and I used to take lunch together."

The Diplomatic Punch

THE Prince of Wales, heir to the British throne, while roughing it on his ranch in Western Canada eats Irish stew prepared by an ex-army cook. This is doubtless with the approval of the British Home Secretary, the situation in the Free State being so tranquil at present. The tense feeling between London and Paris over the Ruhr probably explains the absence of French fried potatoes from the Prince's menu. And as for spaghetti—Italy's foreign policy is far too uncertain to admit of it.

It is reported that an office boy has made the amazing discovery that a glass dropped on a cement floor by the water cooler will not bounce.

The good old days were not so good. In 1848 a married woman's wages belonged to her husband, but women worked for \$7.50 a month.

61,240 Legion Miles

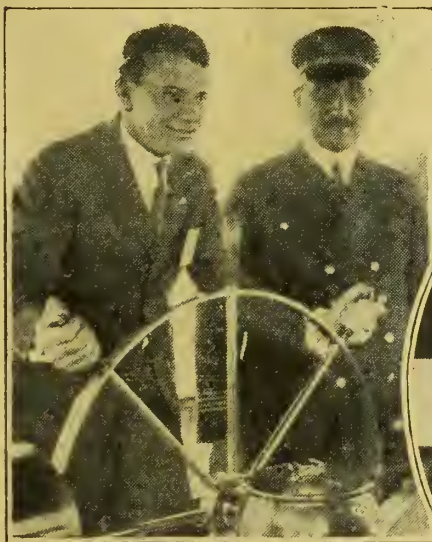
NATIONAL Commander Alvin Owsley, whose term of office as the Legion's chief will expire at the close of the Fifth National Convention at San Francisco, has carried the Legion's message to every one of the United States since his election at New Orleans a year ago. He has delivered 349 addresses in cities and towns having a combined population of thirty million, and he has traveled 61,240 miles to get that message over. In addition he has visited Legion outposts in Cuba, the Canal Zone and Mexico, and last month he attended the annual congress of the Fédération Interalliée des Anciens Combattants in Brussels.

Persons familiar with the strain of

public speaking tours have declared that Commander Owsley's accomplishment in covering more than twice the distance of the earth's circumference in less than a year, and making an average of from two to three long speeches daily, has never been exceeded by any man in public life. The accompanying photographs show the Commander for the most part in some of the less strenuous moments of his busy year. The Commander had to take his rest periods on the run, so to speak, because, except for brief stops at National Headquarters in Indianapolis for important conferences and committee meetings, he has been continually on the move since the Fourth National Convention last October.



Speckled trophies from the Yellowstone River. Not a fish market in miles, but the Commander modestly admits he didn't catch the biggest one on the string



The Commander takes the wheel of the yacht "Florida" on his way up the Hudson to address a Boy Scout encampment

Opening the Frontier Days celebration at Cheyenne, Wyoming, before a crowd of twenty thousand



Just after a visit to a 2,600-foot-deep copper mine in Butte, Montana, where the Commander found some well-dug-in Legionnaires

As an honorary chief of the Chippewa tribe (in oval), an honor accorded Mr. Owsley when he attended the Wisconsin department convention at Superior during the summer

Air Conference Proposal Wins Many More Endorsements

SHOULD a conference to limit military aircraft be called by the powers?

THIS is the last installment of the Weekly's national poll of opinion.

THIS week the question is discussed pro and con by William J. Bryan, Lieutenant General Hunter Liggett, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Josephus Daniels, Samuel Gompers, Congressman A. Piatt Andrew and many others.

	For	Qualified	Against	Undecided
*Senators.....	*23	1	0	3
*Representatives.....	*100	6	3	5
Governors.....	16	3	1	5
Editors.....	217	9	18	1
College presidents....	47	0	2	1
Other private citizens...	82	4	6	2
TOTALS.....	485	23	30	17

*Congress is not in session. The Weekly has received acknowledgments from the secretaries of many senators and representatives who are out of the United States or for other reasons are inaccessible.

THE organized veterans of the British Empire, France, Belgium, Roumania and Czechoslovakia have joined The American Legion in its effort to bring about a conference to draft a limitations agreement that will halt the race for military supremacy in the air. The Fédération Interalliée des Anciens Combattants, representing 7,000,000 organized veterans of the nations just named, and of the United States, at its annual congress just closed in Brussels invited the citizens of the world to petition their governments to take part in an international conference looking toward disarmament in the air and on the seas. The resolution which embodied these injunctions was introduced by the American delegation which was headed by National Commander Owsley who went abroad with the express intention of submitting for endorsement by the FIDAC congress the Legion's campaign to limit armaments of the sky.

In view of the action at Brussels, this word from Tom C. Lapp, editor of *The Veteran*, the official publication of the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada, is interesting:

I want to assure you that the action of The American Legion Weekly with regard to an international conference for the purpose of limiting military air armaments has the full sympathy and support of *The Veteran*, and I am sure the same may be said of the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada. We have been following with intense interest the editorials and other material in the Weekly and it is my intention to prepare editorial comments indicating full endorsement.

Thus the heaven is at work. As this is written the Weekly has been notified that ten departments of the Legion at their annual conventions have adopted resolutions endorsing the air conference idea. The following states took this action: Alabama, California, Colorado, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi and Rhode Island. The Illinois convention voted against limitations conference and urged enlargement of our air forces. Congressman Elton Watkins of Oregon has addressed a communication to President Coolidge requesting him to "look with favor"

upon the proposal made by the Legion.

Josephus Daniels, for eight years Secretary of the Navy, supports the view of former Secretary of War, Baker, that a conference should be held to try to limit aircraft, because naval limitation alone "was a very short step." Mr. Daniels writes:

I was greatly disappointed when the Washington conference did not include airplanes and submarines in the reduction of armament. I would be very happy to see a conference of all the nations looking toward a comprehensive reduction of all craft by all nations. A limitation on dreadnaughts alone was a very short step. It can be no adequate limitation until all the elements making up the fighting forces are included. In every one of my reports as Secretary of the Navy, I urged an international conference for an agreement to put an end to a competitive construction of naval agencies for war. I will be glad to see the United States inviting a conference that would secure reduction on all aircraft as well as all other instruments of war.

William J. Bryan, former Secretary of State, also declares that if there is any sincerity in limitation of armaments the restrictions must include all kinds of instruments of war.

I am heartily in sympathy with the effort which the Legion is making to secure the calling of an international conference for the limitation of air armaments [writes Mr. Bryan]. If there is any sincerity in the limitation of armaments, the efforts must apply to all sorts of war implements and especially to any kind of war machinery that is on the increase. War was horrible enough when it confined itself to the surface of the earth; its horror was increased when it took possession of the ocean's depths. It will be more terrible still when explosives can be carried long distances through the air and dropped on defenseless cities.

Lieutenant General Hunter Liggett, who commanded the First Army in the Argonne, differs with his colleague, Major General Harbord, whose opinion has been published. General Liggett writes that he "is in accord with the expressions given by the Weekly," adding:

The proposal of The American Legion to call a world conference on the limitation of war aircraft is a commendable one and deserving of the support of all American citizens.

Representative Watkins of Oregon submits that unless the present air rivalry is brought to an end immediate steps should be taken to conserve the country's supply of spruce lumber which is used in airplane construction, and to prohibit the export of any of it. He believes our entry into the League of Nations, "with such amendments as might seem proper," would solve the problem and urges the Legion to invite the President to call the Senate in session to consider the matter. He says something must be done "or, else the world will be hurled into another conflict that might destroy civilization."

In his letter to the President Representative Watkins says:

If the foreign nations are preparing for war, then it behooves this country to get its own house in order, and if we cannot prevent another war, we should at least make some preparation for it. We might be able to prevent it, and that is the purpose of calling this international conference. If the foreign nations are not willing to agree to a limitation of armaments, then it would seem to me to be the part of wisdom to limit them in so far as the power lies in our hands, and I claim that by curtailing or preventing absolutely the exportation of this aeroplane material we can force a limitation on aircraft armaments throughout the world. . . . I give you this information to warrant you in looking with favor upon this proposed conference.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, endorses the Legion's suggestion, declaring "every barrier that can be erected in the pathway of war is a marker on the highway of democracy toward a better world."

It affords me much satisfaction [writes Mr. Gompers] to say through The American Legion Weekly to the men who went without hesitation to the defense of our Republic, that the American trade union movement stands unequivocally for the adoption of every practical means for the prevention of war.

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The Fullblown Fullback

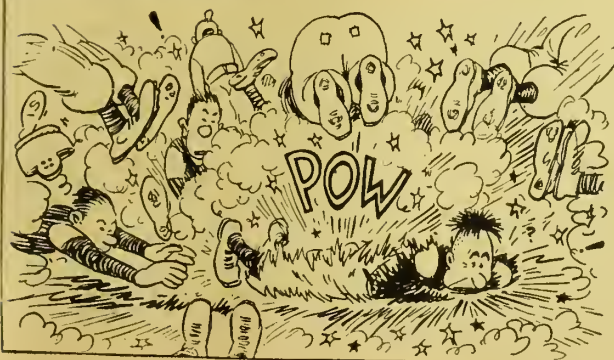
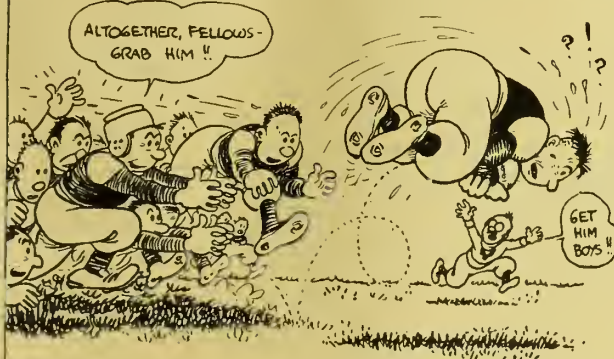
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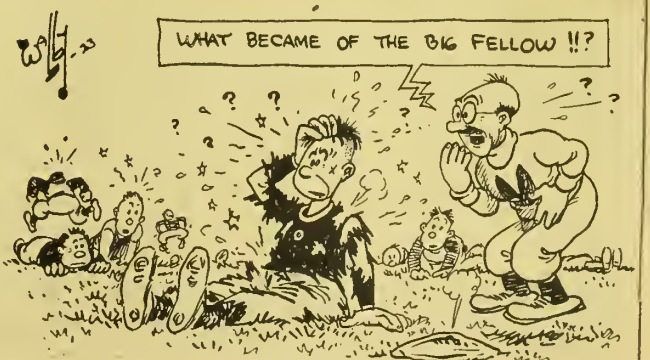
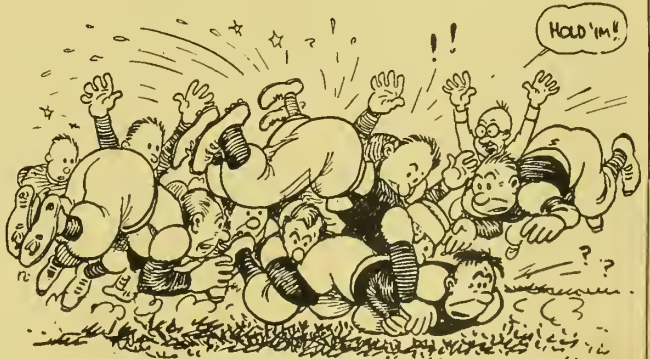
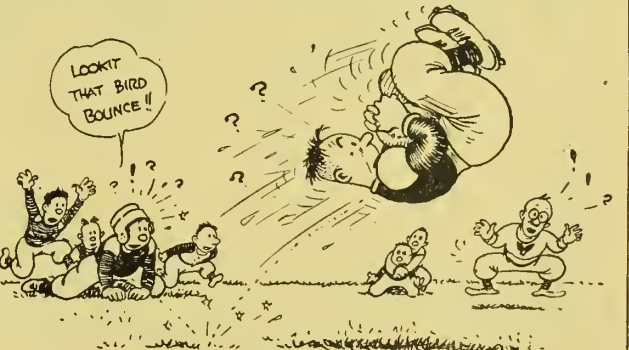
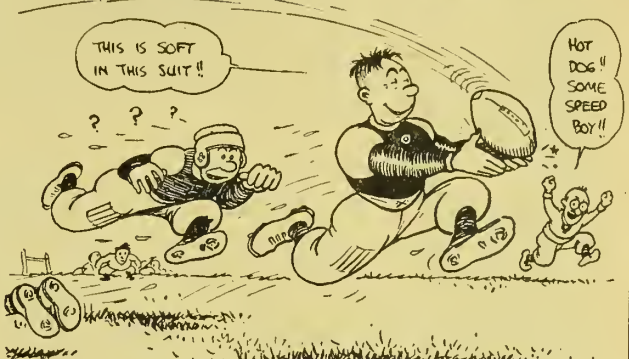
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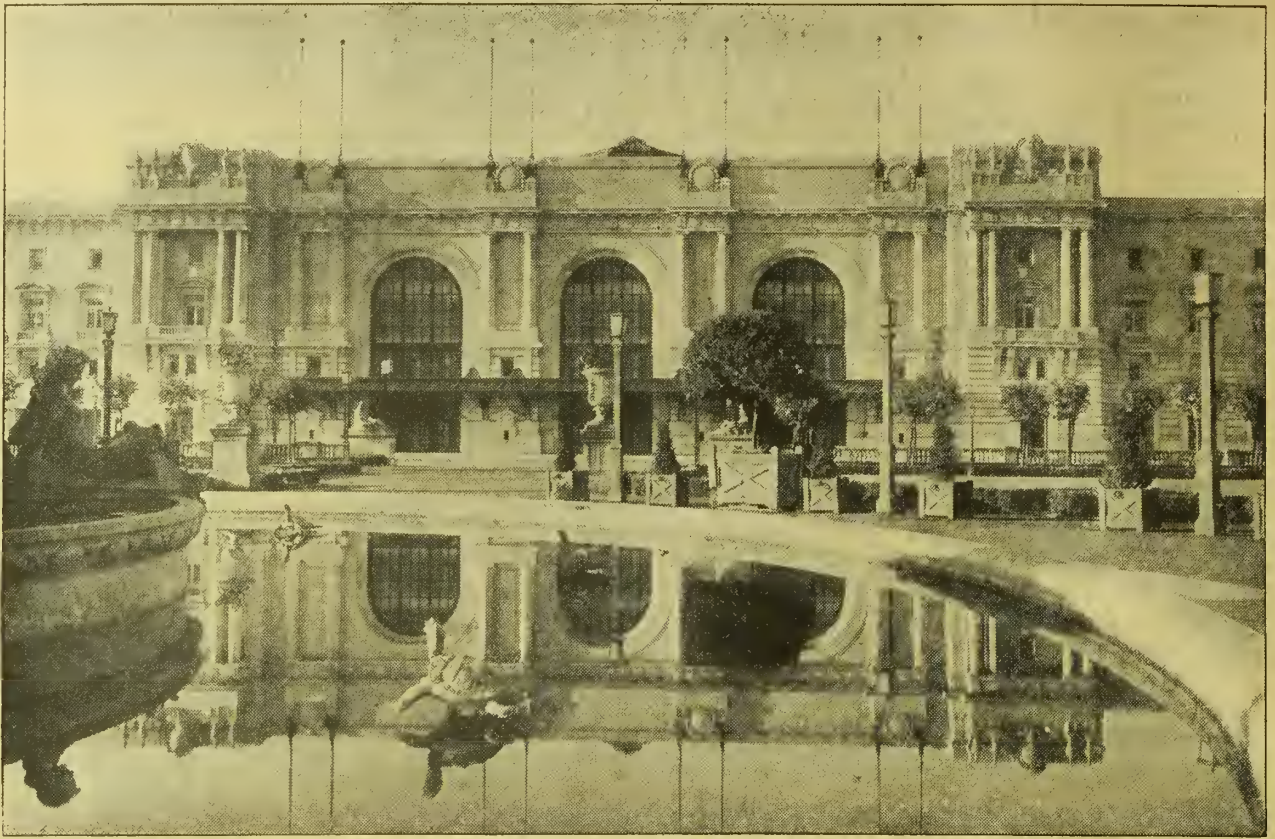
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Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, where the Fifth National Convention of The American Legion will be held, October 15th to 19th

LEGION DEPARTMENT CONVENTIONS

ALABAMA

ARMISTICE DAY: Urged that November 11th, Armistice Day, be made state legal holiday.

CITIZENSHIP: Recommended passage of bill by State Legislature to require teaching of citizenship and patriotism in all public schools.

FLAG: Voted to request Legislature to adopt formally code of flag usage prepared at conference held in Washington under auspices of Legion's National Americanism Commission.

INSURANCE: Adopted resolution calling attention of service men advantages of government insurance and recommending that all whose policies have lapsed should reinstate them.

CALIFORNIA

AMERICANISM: Provided authority for raising of \$150,000 endowment fund to establish chair of Americanism at University of California. Adopted resolution requesting all officials of all cities to refuse permission for meetings to be addressed by Eugene V. Debs.

BOY SCOUTS: Pledged continued support to Boy Scout movement.

CHILD LABOR: Urged necessary legislation to permit Federal protection of children in industry where that protection is now given under State laws.

CONVENTION: Abolished privilege of voting by proxy at department conventions.

CONSTITUTION: Amended department constitution to make it conform to provisions of Legion's National Constitution.

DISABLED OFFICERS: Indorsed bill to give disabled emergency officers of World War same retirement rights as those held by Regular Army officers.

DUES: Raised department dues from 50 to 67 cents a year and approved budget of \$22,000 for department's operation during coming year.

IMMIGRATION: Favored amendments to Federal immigration law requiring that all immigrants coming to United States obtain registration certificates from American consular official in their native land. Indorsed Legion's national policy of seeking suspension of all immigration for five years or until existing laws can be so changed as to afford country proper protection against immigration waves.

NATIONAL DEFENSE: Urged immediate strengthening of nation's naval forces in Pacific and development of naval bases on West Coast.

Urged proper support be given National Guard and military training camps.

LAND: Indorsed Boulder All-American dam project and urged Congress to support it.

VETERANS BUREAU: Adopted eight resolutions recommending changes in rating of compensable men, more efficient hospitalization and revisions of Veterans Bureau procedure.

MICHIGAN

ADJUSTED COMPENSATION: Reaffirmed support of Federal Adjusted Compensation Bill.

AIRCRAFT ARMAMENT: Indorsed proposal for international conference to limit construction of aircraft for military or naval use.

CONVENTIONS: Condemned practice of delegates at department and national conventions absenting themselves from meetings which it is their duty to attend and recommended that department executive committee prescribe disciplinary measures to insure proper performance of duty.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Opposed recognition of Soviet Russia and denounced attitude of American public officials who favor this recognition.

FORTY AND EIGHT SOCIETY: Recommended that each section of State capable of supporting voiture of La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux immediately form a district organization.

IMMIGRATION: Indorsed three percent immigration law. Recommended modification of existing regulations to permit entry into United States of any honorably discharged service man of any Allied country regardless of whether quota for his country has been exceeded.

LEGION CAMP: Indorsed and pledged support to American Legion Camp established by Eighth and Tenth Michigan districts of Legion in Roscommon County for benefit of Legionnaires.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Urged co-operation by local, state and Federal authorities to insure physical education of all school children.

ORPHANS: Commended committee which has established The American Legion Children's Billet and indorsed plans for continuation of educational and financial campaign to raise an endowment fund for maintenance and development of this enterprise.

ROADS: Indorsed action of Bay City and Saginaw posts in establishing "M-10" Memorial River Highway and recommended that Legion

posts all over State encourage similar memorial highway projects.

VETERANS BUREAU: Recommended that sub-district offices of Veterans Bureau be equipped with all necessary diagnostic apparatus to obviate necessity of claimants traveling long distances to obtain proper examinations and treatments.

WELFARE: Commended State Welfare Committee and department officials for remarkable success in administering State fund of \$225,000 for benefit of needy and destitute service men. Commended record of Roosevelt Community House near Battle Creek, "the first and only Legion hospital for tubercular patients."

PENNSYLVANIA

ADJUSTED COMPENSATION: Reaffirmed support of Federal Adjusted Compensation Bill.

AIRCRAFT ARMAMENT LIMITATION: Adopted resolution indorsing The American Legion Weekly's proposal that international competition in development of armed air forces be ended by an agreement among nations.

FOREIGN RELATIONS: Indorsed occupation of Ruhr by France.

IMMIGRATION: Urged adoption of stricter immigration laws.

LABOR: Expressed opinion that minors under age of 18 should not be employed in shops and factories.

MEMORIAL: Decided to aid Valley Forge Historical Society in erection of national victory hall and to recommend to Pennsylvania Legislature and Congress that Revolutionary War Museum be established at Brandywine.

ORPHANS: Directed that report should be submitted to Governor describing undesirable conditions at State Home for War Orphans and requesting him to appoint commission to make investigation.

NATIONAL DEFENSE: Urged that Congress enact universal draft law. Declared against any further reductions in strength of Army or Navy.

VETERANS BUREAU: Favored enlargement of Veterans Bureau regulations to extend free dental treatment to service men.

TEXAS

ADJUSTED COMPENSATION: Reaffirmed belief in justice and necessity of Federal Adjusted Compensation Bill.

AMERICANISM: Advocated teaching of Ameri-

can Constitution in grammar schools. Favored employment of American citizens exclusively as teachers in schools.

BOY SCOUTS: Pledged assistance to Boy Scout movement.

EDUCATION: Indorsed so-called illiteracy commission provided for by State Legislature to correct state educational system. Urged watchfulness against "doctored" school histories.

IMMIGRATION: Indorsed stand of last Legion National Convention for total suspension of all immigration until "assimilation catches up."

INSURANCE: Urged service men to take advantage of liberal provisions of government insurance by reinstating lapsed policies.

MEMORIAL: Requested State Legislature to repeal law appropriating \$30,000 for monument to Texas war dead and to authorize erection of memorial building to contain a war museum.

MEMBERSHIP: Called for discussions by all Legionnaires attending convention of ways of bringing into Legion membership great body of service men who have not yet joined.

NATIONAL DEFENSE: Reiterated support of National Defense Act of 1920 and urged appropriation of Federal funds to permit establishment of divisional headquarters and headquarters of other units at which professional libraries might be made available. Requested support for Citizens' Military Training Camps. Urged passage of universal service bill applying to capital and labor as well as to fighting man-power.

OFFICERS' RETIREMENT: Indorsed bill providing that disabled emergency officers of World War be given same retirement rights as those held by Regular Army officers.

VETERANS BUREAU: Urged clean-up campaign by Veterans Bureau to give disabled service men and women permanent rating as soon as possible. Advised that Bureau undertake check of death records of men in military service and ascertain whether all surviving relatives entitled to compensation or insurance are receiving payments due them, and that Bureau make thorough search for missing relatives entitled to payment. Requested director of Bureau to announce definite policy of hospitalizing veterans only in hospitals other than those operated by War and Navy Departments and that all government patients in contract hospitals be removed as soon as arrangements can be made. Deplored changes in regulations which effect recentralization of Bureau affairs rather than decentralization.

WYOMING

AMERICANISM: Denounced doctrines and activities of radical agitators seeking to overthrow present form of government and opposing duly constituted authorities.

BOY SCOUTS: Pledged all possible "aid, encouragement and assistance" to Boy Scouts.

CONVENTION: Decided that hereafter department executive committee shall devise means of meeting expenses of holding department conventions instead of permitting burden to fall on local post which entertains convention.

FLAG: Called on all school officials to enforce state law providing that United States flag shall be displayed on every school house while sessions are being held.

FOREIGN RELATIONS: Indorsed occupation of Ruhr by French.

INSURANCE: Adopted resolution urging that Veterans Bureau immediately undertake to carry on a campaign to induce service men to reinstate their government insurance and recommending that necessary changes in law or regulations be made to permit expenditure of government funds for this purpose.

LAND: Advocated relief by Congress for service men who have settled on land in Shoshone and other irrigation projects and have found that charges for improvements make it impossible for them to operate their farms profitably.

OFFICERS' RETIREMENT: Reaffirmed necessity of enacting law to give disabled emergency officers same retirement rights possessed by disabled officers of Regular Army.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Urged that local, state and Federal authorities co-operate to establish universal physical education for children.

RELIEF: Recommended that State Legislature establish soldiers' relief fund similar to fund administered successfully in Nebraska.

UNIFORM: Decided to adopt distinctive badge or insignia to be worn by Wyoming delegation at Legion national conventions.

VETERANS BUREAU: Recommended that district offices of Veterans Bureau be authorized to carry out all provisions of law providing for burial of service men dying in government hospitals without necessity of referring cases to central office in Washington. Urged that medical personnel of bureau be given same rights and privileges pertaining to pay, retirement and promotions as are held by medical officers of other branches of government service. Declared for new law to liberalize provisions of Sweet Act, particularly to permit medical examiners of Bureau to express an opinion as to length of time claimant has been suffering from tuberculosis or neuro-psychiatric ailment. Urged that district offices of Bureau be given right to settle and pay all classes of claims. Advocated extension of time limit set for filing claims against government under Sweet Act.

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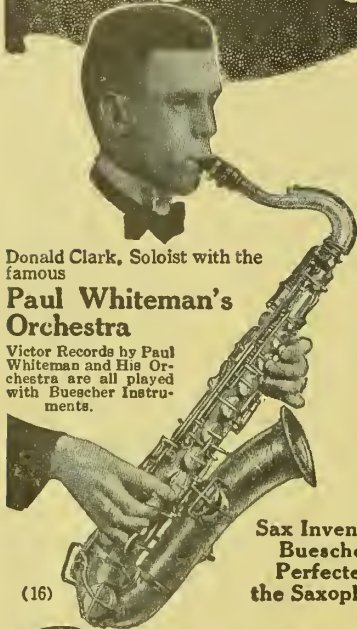
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Second Essay Contest Will Close October 12th Nearly Half Million Children Take Part

MORE than 400,000 American school children are believed to have written essays in The American Legion's National Essay Contest on the subject, "Why America should prohibit immigration for five years." The contest will close October 12th. Fifty thousand essays were entered in last year's contest.

In addition to the three national scholarship prizes of \$750, \$500 and \$250, many Legion departments and posts have offered special prizes of gold medals or certificates of honor. The national judges, who will select the three winners of the national prizes, will include Raymond Crist, Commissioner of Naturalization, and W. T. Bowden, Assistant Commissioner of Education, both of the United States Department of Labor.

The subject of this year's contest has proved an unusually popular one with the school children of the country. Following the first announcements of the contest, many thousands of requests for entry blanks and copies of the contest rules were received by the National Americanism Director from pupils who wished to enter. At the same time state school authorities forwarded information concerning the contest to county superintendents, principals and teachers. Department and post officials of the Legion throughout the country also began campaigns.

Exceptional assistance has been given by forty-five national patriotic, fraternal and business organizations, which pledged their support to Garland W. Powell, the Legion's National Americanism Director, and undertook to distribute information concerning the contest through channels reaching all parts of the country. Among these organizations are the American Education Association, the American Federation of Labor, National Catholic Welfare Council, National Grange, Boy Scouts of America, American Library Association, Girl Scouts, International Committee of the Y. M. C. A., Order of Eastern Star, Rotary International, National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations, General Federation of Women's Clubs, United Confederate Veterans and Community Service.

Inquiries received indicate that a large number of essays will be forwarded from American schools in foreign countries. In Angola, a Portuguese colony in Africa, for instance, John Walker Post of the Legion has been conducting a contest among American children who are scattered over a vast coast and inland territory.

The rules of the contest follow:

All girls and boys between the ages of 12 and 18 years, inclusive, are eligible to enter this contest.

Only one essay to a person.

Essay will not be over 500 words in length.

Only one side of paper to be used. A margin of one inch must be allowed on either side of paper.

After essay is completed paper should be neatly folded, not rolled.

Spelling, penmanship and neatness will be considered in judging the winner.

Age will also be given full consideration.

All essays must be received at a place designated by the county superintendent of schools not later than midnight of October 12, 1923.

The county superintendent of schools is asked to select three judges whose duty it will be to choose the best essay for their county. The Americanism officer of the county shall co-operate in every way with

the superintendent of schools and the judge of the contest. The winning essay of the county should be forwarded to the Department Americanism Chairman of The American Legion not later than midnight November 1, 1923.

The state superintendent or school commissioner of the state schools will be asked to select three judges for his State. The duties of the state judges will be to select the three best essays from the winners of the counties of the State. These essays shall be forwarded to the National Americanism Director of The American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana, not later than midnight of November 15, 1923. These essays shall be enumerated first, second and third.

The national winners will be announced a few weeks after November 15, 1923.

At the end of each essay the following pledge must be signed: "I hereby pledge my word of honor that I have written this essay myself. I am — years old." Signature, address in full and date must follow.

Veterans Who Paid Tax on State Compensation to Get Refund

A RECENT ruling of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue will put more money in the pockets of thousands of veterans through a refund of the excess tax which will be paid to those men who included a just compensation received from the States in their Federal income tax return. Adjusted compensation paid to veterans. States is held to be non-taxable income. Veterans who have included in previous returns the amount received in adjusted compensation may secure a refund of the excess tax by filing a properly executed claim on Form 843 with the Collector of Internal Revenue for their district. Form 843 may be obtained from any district collector, who will also be in a position to advise a man as to the amount of adjusted compensation he included in his tax return in case the veteran did not preserve a work sheet and does not remember the figure.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

U. S. S. STERETT.—All former members of crew of "old 27" who plan to be in San Francisco for the Legion National Convention, Oct. 15—are requested to write S. E. Anderson, 705 Moore av., Terrell, Tex., so a reunion may be arranged.

14TH ENGRS.—Annual banquet and reunion Hotel Westminster, Boston, Mass., Oct. 11. Address Louis J. DeGrasse, 366 South State St., Boston.

316TH ENGRS.—Reunion, San Francisco, Oct. 13, 14. Address Steve Malatesta, 333 Pine St., San Francisco.

317TH F. S. BN.—Fifth annual reunion Young's Hotel, Boston, Oct. 20. Address J. J. Doyle, 63 First st., Medford, Mass.

308TH TEL. BN.—Fourth annual reunion Omaha, Neb., Nov. 2, 3. Address P. M. McLaughlin, Room 709 Telephone bldg., Omaha.

SECOND NAVAL DIST. RESERVE BAND.—Fifth annual reunion of band, formerly stationed Newport, R. I., will be held at Hotel Melrose, Fall River, Mass., Oct. 7. Address William H. 320 New Boston rd., Fall River.

MOTOR TRANSPORT CORPS.—All former officers and men who served under Major E. E. Barclay at Newport News, Detroit, Camps Custer and Meade are requested to send names and addresses to him at Adventurers Club, 40 S. Clark st., Chicago.

Announcements for this column must be received three weeks in advance of the event to which they are concerned.

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Total to September 15th..... \$152,657.17

DEPARTMENT	TOTAL TO SEPT. 13	PERCENT OF QUOTA
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Alabama	498.90	.667
Alaska	166.10	1.049
Arizona	659.45	1.180
Argentina	25.00	2.190
Arkansas	1,650.95	1.041
Brazil	25.00	1.450
California	4,395.99	.639
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Canal Zone	103.18	.890
China	21.02	.452
Colorado	841.99	.515
Connecticut	3,121.11	1.885
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Florida	1,435.27	.959
Georgia	1,279.49	1.143
Hawaii	298.50	1.320
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Illinois	6,619.95	.478
Indiana	4,770.40	.725
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Michigan	4,499.50	.751
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Missouri	2,363.66	.346
Montana	1,185.05	.824
Nebraska	2,220.41	.446
Nevada	77.25	.334
New Hampshire	1,854.41	1.234
New Jersey	3,904.09	.861
New Mexico	917.08	1.497
New York	13,562.25	.931
North Carolina	1,064.29	.471
North Dakota	1,337.10	.497
Ohio	11,404.90	1.031
Oklahoma	3,453.94	.824
Oregon	1,596.05	.708
Pennsylvania	12,077.35	.826
Philippine Islands	30.20	1.000
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South Dakota	1,071.65	.310
Tennessee	793.61	.425
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Utah	512.90	1.006
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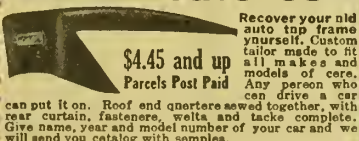
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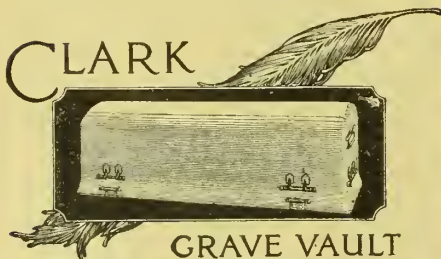
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Each of the fourteen members is also the chairman of his District Rehabilitation Committee, which fulfills the same functions in one of the fourteen districts of the Veterans Bureau that the national committee does for the country as a whole. Each district committee includes experts on compensation and insurance, nervous and mental diseases, tuberculosis, medical and surgical cases, vocational training, and other rehabilitation concerns. The national committee thus has at its disposal, in settling the complicated problems which call for laws by Congress or general rules and regulations, the composite experience of a large body of experts.

In each of the fourteen districts of the Veterans Bureau there is also a Legion liaison representative who acts as the chairman of the district rehabilitation committee of the Legion.

The National Rehabilitation Committee is also assisted by an advisory board of experts. Judge Burton E. Sweet, former member of Congress from Iowa, was recently named a member of this Board, bringing to it as wide a knowledge of service men's problems as is possessed by any individual in the country. Judge Sweet, as chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, had a



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large share in drawing up most of the legislation under which the Veterans Bureau operates. The other members of the Advisory Board are Dr. T. Victor Keene, of Indianapolis; A. A. Sprague, of Chicago, chairman of the National Rehabilitation Committee in 1922; Dr. William Le Roy Dunn, of Asheville, N. C., a national authority on tuberculosis; Dr. Thomas W. Salmon, of Larchmont, N. Y., one of the country's foremost experts on mental and nervous diseases; Dr. Hugh Young, of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md.; Robert E. Bondy, of The American Red Cross, Washington, D. C., and Daniel J. Callahan, National Treasurer of the Knights of Columbus.

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Count on at least three weeks if you want to spend one week in Hawaii, the department advises, and then supplements

this advice with a suggested list of thin to be seen which would require any American to spend a much longer time in the archipelago.

The minimum round trip fare would about \$200, not including expenses on the islands. Stopovers may be made at Honolulu by passengers en route to the Orient and Australasia.

Air Conference Proposal Wins Many More Endorsements

(Continued from page 12)

We are by no means pacifists as that term is understood today, but we are unalterably for peace. We will not denounce all wars, but we are against war.

It was the earnest hope of American Labor that the United States would enter the League of Nations. It is still our hope that our country may join in this world organization.

Meanwhile we must support every movement looking toward the exercise of voluntary restraint from violence by agreement among nations. We rejoiced when the President of the United States convoked the International Conference for the Limitation of Armaments. It was but a few weeks prior to the extension of that invitation from the White House that the American Federation of Labor, in convention, had unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the President to summon such a conference.

The Washington agreement for the limitation of naval armament has just come into force, and it must be a source of great satisfaction to every peace loving person to know that great battleships are now being sent to the junk pile instead of to the battle fleets.

But ships no longer represent the strength of nations as they formerly did. The airplane and the submarine are the modern weapons of attack. If they may be built without limit the Washington agreement may easily turn out to be merely the means of diverting expenditures to more destructive purposes.

I believe that I can with safety speak for colleagues and fellow-workers in supporting with all my heart the movement looking toward an international conference for the limitation of military aircraft armaments. We are for the institution of peace. We covet the opportunities of peace and no opportunity should be lost to bring the moral force of the world to bear upon any who have designs upon the ways of peace. Every barrier that can be erected in the pathway of war is a marker on the highway of democracy toward a better world for a nobler mankind.

Other expressions from men in public life follow:

Governor J. A. O. Preus, Minnesota.—If we were to limit armaments on land and sea, as we are most properly attempting to do, it is most absurd to get into a race for supremacy in the air. Military aircraft building should most certainly be limited, and a conference should be called if necessary, but it should be part of the general armaments limitation program, and not a separate movement.

Governor C. C. Moore, of Idaho.—There is no reason why air forces should not be limited as well as naval and army forces. Any other policy would be inconsistent.

Governor W. R. Farrington, of Hawaii.—I believe in international conferences that will assist in placing limitations on all military armament and make for the promotion of peace.

Governor Walter M. Pierce, Oregon.—believe that all international disputes can and should be settled around the conference table.

Governor William W. Brandon of Alabama.—I would favor an international conference to limit air armament provided the signatory powers comply with the terms of the contract.

Senator Frank B. Willis, Ohio.—I am for a conference provided our country given some assurance before calling the conference that France and others would not oppose. They should be "sounded out" first.

Former Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, New Jersey.—I favor an international conference to limit military air armament but not commercial development.

Representative J. L. Milligan, Missouri.—I am in favor of any conference that will tend to reduce the possibilities of war.

Representative J. Alfred Taylor, West Virginia.—The best way to provide for peace is to cease preparing for war. Military strategists assert that the next war will be fought in the air. If this be true, limitation of army aircraft is as essential as limitation of armaments.

Representative T. J. B. Robinson, Iowa.—I favor an international conference to limit military air armament, the time for negotiations to be subject to conditions existing, and when deemed expedient by our State Department.

Representative Scott Leavitt, Montana.—I favor an international conference to limit military air armament as soon as practicable.

Representative Meyer Jacobstein, New York.—I am very happy indeed to find the American Legion throwing its influence on the side of peace. This is as it should be.

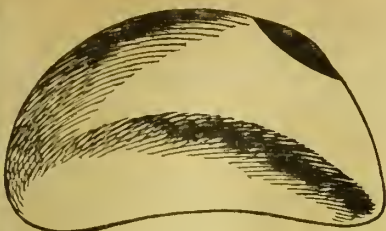
I think that your international conference can be made the occasion of a message to all peoples of all countries, condemning war and everything that leads to it. If such a conference can be made an agency for imposing a limitation upon armament competition, it should receive the sanction of every thinking man and woman.

While scientists and military men are refining and developing the arts of war, the rest of us ought to be refining the methods which make war less probable, if not impossible.

Representative Clarence F. Lea, California.—Yes, I favor an international conference to limit military air armament, but this meets only a small phase of the matter. Dealing with the question of the implications of war is a superficial attempt at the problem. True remedies must deal with causes and not merely symptoms.

Representative A. Piatt Andrew, Massachusetts, whose negative vote was noted in a previous issue sends the following amplification of his position.

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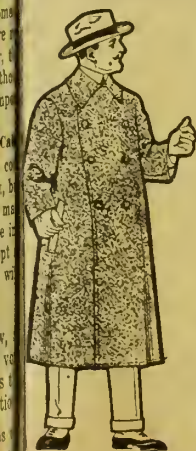
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its espousal by the Legion before its pros and cons have been subjected to general public discussion.

Second.—It is quite impossible to limit the development and construction of planes for naval and military purposes without limiting their construction and development for other purposes, and in my opinion, the development of aviation, which is still in its beginning, is deserving of all encouragement by the government, not only because of its possibilities for the national defense but also because of its possibilities in the field of communication and commerce.

Third.—Considered merely from the point of view of military or naval armament, the aeroplane is not only one of the most effective instruments for the national defense, but it is also one of the least expensive. The expenditure for aerial armament is not in any reasonable way comparable to the expenditure for land or water armament, either in the number of men involved or in the cost of materials.

Fourth.—An invitation on the part of our government to the other powers to attend a convention for the purpose of limiting aviation could only be construed as directed against our friends in France and the natural protection which they have sought to provide against possible re-invasion. At the suggestion of our government, France accepted without reservation the position of a third-rate power on the sea. But with the continual menace on her invisible and unmarked frontier we cannot appropriately suggest that she withdraw from that frontier its most effective agent of protection.

If I seem to criticize what is ostensibly the policy of the Legion, it is not as an outsider but as a member and friend of the Legion, who has been interested in the organization from its very beginning. I was one of those who presided at its birth in the Cirque d'Hiver in Paris in March, 1919, was the first Commander of the post in my home town of Gloucester and was first Vice-Commander of the Massachusetts Department. I trust that my record in Congress and without proves my interest in my World War comrades and in the Legion and allows me a little latitude for criticism.

E. E. Spafford, commander of the New York department and for three years chairman of the Legion's national committee on naval affairs, believes that for America to urge limitation of aircraft at this time to be "the height of folly."

Now don't misunderstand me [continues Mr. Spafford] I am for limitation of armament as much as any person living, but it must be honest limitation on the part of every one. What I object to is our bringing this limitation to the counsel table without the wherewithal to bargain. What right have we to say to another country, "Scrap your air fleet," when we have no fleet or practically none? When we went into the Naval disarmament conference we had something to give and in the opinion of most thinking men we gave up more than has ever been given in the interests of peace.

If we go into a conference without a powerful air fleet the only answer we can possibly receive from the other countries is "we will accept the status quo." We cannot decline to do this for we will have called the conference and therefore we must have something to give.

If the Legion wishes to see the air armament limited, let us first urge that we build the greatest air fleet in the world, all the different kinds of air craft. We can then call the conference and can expect some degree of success. The lizard cannot make

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Two more of "America's twelve most famous women" have expressed themselves in favor of an attempt to restrict air armaments by treaty. Katharine Bement Davis, the noted sociologist and for fourteen years superintendent of the New York State Reformatory for Women, says:

If the facts are as stated in your editorials it seems to me that nothing further need be said to show the desirability of such a conference.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the suffragist leader, would extend the ban to include "the equally menacing chemical warfare competition." "The best of the country," she adds, "will support you."

Charles Dana Gibson, the artist and publisher of *Life*, Dr. Frank Billings, of Chicago, the famous surgeon, Bishop William F. McDowell of the Methodist Church and Dr. C. F. Wishart, president of Wooster College and moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, believe a conference should be called. Dr. Wishart says:

Unlimited competition is sheer insanity. Peace can never be maintained by making "each nation stronger than the other."

This also is the view of Elmer T. Peterson, associate editor of the *Wichita (Kan.) Beacon* which is published by Henry Allen, former governor of Kansas. Mr. Peterson qualifies his endorsement of the conference idea, however, by making it "contingent upon a general movement for mental disarmament in addition to physical; in other words, education." H. G. Kruse of the *Vinton (Ia.) Daily Times* thinks if we entered the League of Nations it would "eventually fix the whole thing" and Editor John W. Troy of the *Alaska Daily Empire*, Juneau, favors an air limitation conference because he is for "any move that will count for peace, and thinks there should be a league of nations to maintain peace."

An opposite view is taken by the *Grand Island (Neb.) Independent* which writes:

So long as the rivalry of imperialism and militarism continues, and all nations can-

not be invited to participate (in a conference), it seems impossible to make the world safe for democracy and we should employ our energies and wits in saving our own.

But according to Harold Bell Wright the novelist:

If we do not somehow manage to end this insane race for international supremacy in war preparation this race for war will end us.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, says:

I am in hearty agreement with the proposition to call a conference on the limitation of military aircraft among the nations of the world. I think it would be a splendid thing if the nations could get together and discuss this question. To my way of thinking it is utterly absurd to talk about reducing armaments on land and water and then for nations to enter into fierce competition to gain supremacy in the air. There is no sense in the abandonment of militarism in one place and adopting it in a thorough-going way in another place.

From other educators:

George Norlin, president, University of Colorado.—I believe that The American Legion can do no greater thing than to exert the tremendous influence which it possesses against the sinister forces which are now blindly at work, threatening to produce another great war. It is the great task of the generation which fought the World War, which knows from experience what modern war is and which can imagine what another war would be, to make such a war unlikely, if not impossible.

It requires no great vision, after the history of the last decade, to see that strenuous international competition in inventing, perfecting, and multiplying modern devices and engines of destruction, if allowed to go on without check, will mean for the immediate future the impoverishment of the human race and eventually the utter destruction of the fabric of our civilization.

Thomas F. Kane, president, University of North Dakota.—A general agreement on limitations among the nations is the only practical basis for calculation for each nation. I favor an international conference.

Baseball, Kindness Mr. Morse

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takes don't go—they just must not be.

At noon on the day of the game, the operators are in place in front of their machines. The wire opens up and until three o'clock a bulletin service is carried. Once the game has begun, however, nothing but an event of national importance such as an earthquake or the death of a President can get on the wires. After the first ball has been pitched the game's the thing. The only other time this has ever been true was during the Carpenter-Dempsey fight in 1921, when for a short time the wires were held for fight news.

The news services all send their reports of the game direct to what are called distribution points throughout the country. There is a distribution point in every large town and in every state capital. Smaller towns link up with larger ones. Thus a newspaper in

a small town in Colorado would, if it wished service of this sort, get its news from Denver. Service goes to Vancouver direct. From there it is relayed to the far east. In order to insure better distribution all stuff for Japan is sent via San Francisco.

The average daily in a minor league town has either a leased wire or else an arrangement to get the games play by play from the nearest distribution point. An electric scoreboard costs between three and five thousand dollars to install and run, and as a rule only the dailies in the larger cities can afford service of this kind. Usually such a paper must be content with a scoreboard run by hand and a service that gives them play by play and can be announced with a megaphone.

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The war destroyed billions of dollars of capital. Europe is crying for capital with which to replace her ruined cities, rebuild her shattered industries, and restore her international credit. Think of the vast amount of capital Japan needs to efface the scars of the recent earthquake, and in order to raise new dwellings and factories in place of those destroyed. Nor is it only in the wake of war and convulsions of Nature that there comes a demand for capital. The ordinary and orderly growth of industry makes a constant demand upon the nation's savings, for capital after all is nothing more or less than what is saved and set aside after expenses,—living or business,—have been met. And without capital growth is out of the question. The capitalist, therefore,—and everyone with any surplus at all is a capitalist,—is absolutely necessary to the modern industrial world, he makes it possible for business to be done, he furnishes employment and a livelihood to all of us, and is the real motive power behind progress. This, to many minds, may seem wrong, but nevertheless it is a fact, and no substitute has yet been discovered for the capitalist system of industrial civilization. Russia, of course, is the most notable example of what happens when something else is attempted in its place. Now, according to report, Russia is fast returning to capitalism. And if it is the capitalist who wields the power the sensible thing to do is to become a capitalist.

In golf the last hundred yards are generally considered the most difficult part of the game. In finance the first thousand dollars are reckoned the hardest to get. When that point is reached a start is made and from then on the way is easier. A man, really ambitious to save, will keep adding his interest to his principal, and if this practice is accompanied by regular and systematic saving it is surprising how fast his capital will accumulate. Like a snowball, the larger it gets, the more it gathers to itself as it rolls up, steadily becoming bulkier and more powerful. So it is that the more money a man has the easier it is for him to add to it. Yet all rich men started at some time in a small way, and the wiser they were the sooner they started.

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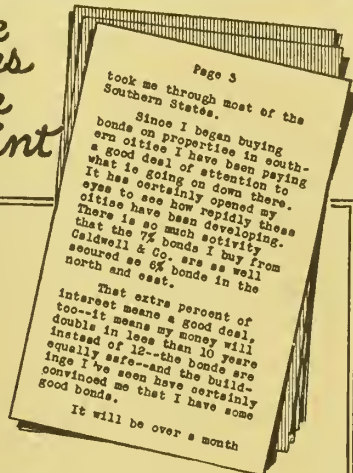
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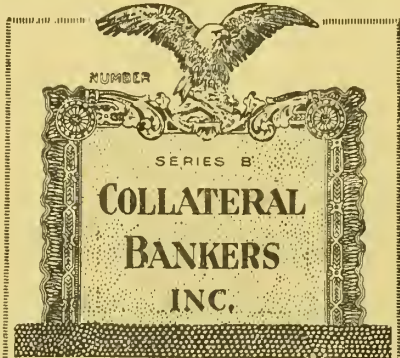


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From the press box on the field the story is wired or telephoned in to the telegraph room where it is relayed—sometimes by megaphone—to the composing room, and set up at once. During the game extras come out every half hour, and as soon as the final results are known papers are rushed all over the surrounding country. Often they meet the crowds coming out of the ball parks with the final scores.

It is, however, upon the officials of the two clubs that the greatest task in preparing for the Series falls. Last fall—and last year due to a short series the total receipts were some \$300,000 less than in 1921—over \$600,000 was taken in. Suppose you were going to take in this sum over the counter in the short space of three weeks, and then in about ten days more pay it all out again. Where would you get men you could trust to help you on the job? Where would you find trained assistants, executives, filing clerks and stenographers—with the understanding that the job was a temporary one to last but a month?

Yet that is what the leading ball clubs are up against every fall. Not only the two leading ones, but any other club that is still in the running in early September. The Series opens a few days after the end of the playing season. This is of course too late to make arrangements on a large scale, so the chief contenders for the league pennants cannot wait to see who will win. They must prepare even though they never enter the Series.

Last year was a case in point. The St. Louis Browns who were in second place in September started in at once to take care of the applications for tickets that were coming in by hiring extra clerks. A large force was obtained, stands at the St. Louis ball park were enlarged, reservations at hotels were made for the press, wire installations cared for—all at a cost of over ten thousand dollars. And then the Browns lost out to the Yankees and the money was wasted. Several years ago the Brooklyn club printed tickets that cost nearly two thousand dollars. These were never used, and this happens almost every year.

But suppose the club actually gets into the Series? What happens? As soon as the club looks like a winner, extra office room is engaged, help hired to sort the steadily increasing volume of mail, and all applications are filed in a card index. If the club has been through all this before like the Giants, they are apt to know just where they can turn at a minute's notice to get this help. If they have never done it they are likely to be in trouble from the start.

Then comes the task of sorting the wheat from the chaff, or in other words excluding the speculators. Ed Barrow, the manager of the Yanks, told the writer recently that every year during the Series this is the job to which he devotes most of his time. The regular fans are looked after first. Those unknown are checked up in various ways.

The directory is used. Also the telephone book. Hundreds of money orders are returned because they are known to be from speculators.

This means night and day work for the heads of the office for weeks before the games. Tickets must be printed, a set for the first, second and third games and another for the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh ones. Stenographers are busy typing names and addresses on envelopes, inserting tickets folded in information slips, stamping and mailing them.

Meanwhile more letters come in. As the date for the game draws near, cables and wires and messages from all over the world flood the offices. Crowds stand all day long in lines at the windows, the telephone is ringing continually—governors and senators and heads of corporations who think they have a pull with the management are after the pasteboards. The offices of the clubs are good places to stay away from at this time of the year.

At the ball grounds stands must be repaired and made secure for the vast mob that will storm them. Carpenters and constructors are working on the bleachers, while other men are at work installing the necessary electrical connections for the press. Remember that two hundred working newspaper men will be busy that week. The press box must be enlarged from its customary capacity of fifty-odd to about three or four hundred, while hundreds of ushers, ticket takers, gate men, special police and other employes must be hired and trained.

ARRANGEMENTS for newspaper men are usually turned over by the two clubs to a committee of reporters, and this body is given a free hand in making the scribes comfortable during their stay in the city. A suite of rooms is engaged in a hotel, telegraph instruments and typewriters installed, automobiles hired to transport the news artists from the grounds to the press rooms. Special entertainment is provided. In 1920 the cost of this alone set the Cleveland club back some thirty thousand dollars. It is not unlikely that this year with rooms at a big metropolitan hotel the cost will run over fifty thousand.

At the press box in the Polo Grounds the working men, that is the newspaper men who are actually sending stuff from the field, are installed in the front row. At the side of each is a telegrapher who takes their story as they dictate it or as they hand it over typewritten on a small portable machine. In this semi-circle sit men from every State in the Union, nearly two hundred active writers from all the great dailies in the country, men from the press bureaus and news associations who are telling the story of the game play by play.

Just behind them sit the Ambassadors. These are the men who do not write their stuff on the field. They jot a few notes down on the margin of a newspaper and from this they write their story of the game either at Press Headquarters or in their own offices. Among the several hundred men sitting here are the sporting editors from dailies all over America, Cuba, France, Japan, Mexico, Canada and the Argentine. These men from the field and from downtown send out about a hundred and fifty thousand words a day—as much as a good-sized novel.

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The first World's Series was held in 1903 when Boston defeated Pittsburgh in a long drawn out struggle. There was, it is true, a small series before this, but it attracted little attention, and at least one, that between St. Louis and Chicago in 1885 was unfinished because of lack of interest! 1904 was a blank year, and in 1905 the first real series was held under the rules of the National Commission. This Giant-Athletic struggle drew well. Those were the days when some of Mr. Mack's steady customers put up an awful howl because the seats at the Athletic ball park were raised from two to four bits. Last year at the Polo Grounds there were a few seats at five-fifty!

In 1906 there was an inter-city series between the Chicago teams, and in 1907 and 1908 came the famous Cub-Tiger Series. It was not until 1909 that it became a great modern institution, however, and from the Detroit-Pittsburgh clash that year dates the classic as we know it. The 1912 fight between Red Sox and Giants was the most thrilling up to 1921; but the 1919 Series drew enormous crowds despite the smallness of the parks in both Cleveland and Brooklyn.

Just how the Series has grown can be best judged by the increased interest in it. It was in 1909 that the World's Series first took on the aspect of big business when nearly two hundred thousand dollars was paid to see Detroit and Pittsburgh play. Since that date, \$5,850,981 has been paid by baseball enthusiasts to see the great struggles. The record was in 1921, when more than \$900,000 was paid by 269,976 people to see the Yanks and Giants in an eight-game fight. This was \$177,819 more than the best previous game in 1919, while attendance was 18,075 larger than in the Giants-Red Sox encounter in 1912. The record for a single game also stands over from 1921, when 36,509 people turned in exactly \$119,007—easily the largest collection of bullion since the well known days when Columbus was a bush league scout for Queen Isabella.

Last fall the Series was won by the Giants in four games, and attendance and receipts cut down thereby, much to the sorrow of the club owners who barely broke even. It is little known that since the present system of dividing receipts was instituted in 1920 the club owners do not as is supposed make their fortunes every year at the Series. The players get theirs. Oh, yes! And the National Commission. Yes, again. And the two leagues. Certainly. And, of course, the government helps itself to its share as taxes. But the club owners after they have paid for their extra help and extra stands and a few other extras find very little extra left



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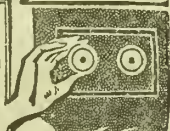
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No, it does not always pay, this World's Series. It's a big help to poor ball players who feel the need of enclosed limousines as the chill comes into the air each fall. It furnishes amusement and conversation to the country at large—but that's about all.

Perhaps one should say that it furnishes amusement to the world at large. If you saw the score, London 5, Kitchener 4, you might imagine the English were taking the game up. But that is only a score from the Michigan-Ontario league, one of the four minor leagues supported either wholly or partly in Canada. You don't hear over much about cricket in Canada. The Dominion is baseball mad. And if the game has spread like that in the last thirty years, in 1956 we may see Paris and Berlin fighting it out in a baseball park instead of in the Ruhr!

Down to the Sea in Air Ships

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verbal encounter. In September the Army Air Service resumed experiments on the obsolete battleship *Alabama* with chemical, smoke and explosive bombs. Even when the old ship was sent plunging to the ocean's floor with a single 2,000-pound bomb, nobody who stood up for the capital ship was willing to admit very much. In arguing the question on the basis of fact brought out during the experiments the advocates of the capital ship pointed out that the bombing craft would have been easy targets as their maximum altitude was 2,500 feet and the majority flew at between 1,000 and 1,600 feet. They also emphasized that the ships would carry defensive aircraft and that the targets would be more difficult under power for they could vary both their course and speed.

The answers of the air enthusiasts were that altitude could be greatly increased because modern sighting apparatus was equally accurate at all altitudes, that anti-aircraft development is nil and that with a battleship prepared for action the vulnerability of boilers and ammunition magazines more than offset any advantage claimed by the capital ship proponents.

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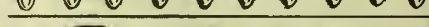
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test the matter out again—to test in particular the efficacy of smoke screens and accuracy with which bombs could be dropped from high altitudes. The Army Air Service got hold of an appropriation sufficient to defray its part of the expenses. The Navy contributed as targets the sister battleships *Virginia* and *New Jersey*—venerable matrons of 16,000 tons each and protected by Krupp armor varying from three-inch deck plates to eleven-inch belt armor amidships.

So on a keen September day we embarked upon the *St. Mihiel* to see what we should see. The naval delegation was headed by Rear-Admiral Shumaker. The Army was represented by General Pershing, Assistant Secretary of War Dwight F. Davis, Major-Generals Patrick, chief of the Army Air Service, and Helmick, the quartermaster-general, and two hundred officers of various grades including many officers of the General Staff.

Through the morning haze first we see the target ships. They look able with the forward and aft cage masts and triple smoke-stacks in clear silhouette above the hulls. A quartet of destroyers are skipping about warning passenger ships from the danger zone. Two mine sweepers lie alongside the *St. Mihiel*. In the air are two blimp dirigibles cruising aimlessly, their bulging bags shining like silver in the sun. Three observation planes carrying motion picture cameramen are flying hither and yon.

The scene for the tests was selected for strategic reasons, Chesapeake Bay and Hampton Roads are the entrance to the geographical heart of the nation on the east coast and to the national capital. The principal base for aerial coast defense is at Langley Field, Hampton, Virginia. The Army is charged with the defense of the coast.

Less than an hour's flight from anchorage will take one over the sand dunes of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, where in December, 1903, the brothers Orville and Wilbur Wright first demonstrated the practicality of human flight. In 1903 these two battleships were not completed. It was two years later that the *Virginia* and the *New Jersey* were launched, the last word in naval modernity, built at a cost of more than six million dollars each. When "Fighting Bob" Evans led the United States fleet on its world cruise in 1907 and 1908 they were proud first-line ships. In 1916, a year before our entrance into the World War, these same two ships were obsolete, lying idle in the Boston Navy Yard. During the war they were refitted and used in Chesapeake Bay for training of engine crews.

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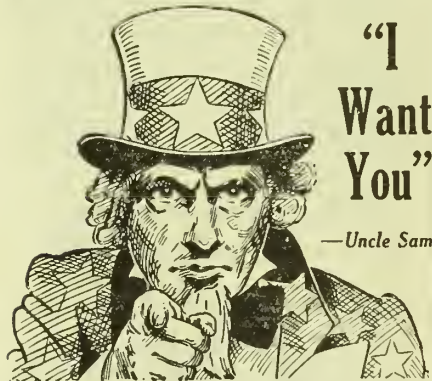
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Here comes another. Short. The next is a dud. Then comes a close one. The geyser spouts tons of water, flooding the deck, but it runs off as easily. Another, a direct hit. There is a black cloud of smoke with a red heart of flame as the bomb strikes the armored deck.

Slowly the smoke lifts. No great damage visible but just the same I wouldn't have cared about being the boy on deck. Another close one. It looks as though some plates had been torn away above the water line on the port side. The first attack is finished—four direct hits out of sixteen. The *New Jersey* is settling by her stern, someone observes. Maybe, maybe not. The Army officers opine that the battleship is in a bad way. The Navy experts say she hasn't any more than had her paint scratched. Well, says an Army man, one thing demonstrated anyway, they can hit a battleship from ten thousand feet as easily as three thousand, and the plane is a more difficult target at that altitude. A Navy observer states with some sarcasm that the anti-aircraft guns wouldn't exactly be idle all this while. The first formation has disappeared to the west gliding down to a temporary aerial base on the other side

of Pamlico Sound to secure more ammunition.

Here comes the second flight. Eight of them at 6,000 feet elevation with the 2000-pound easter eggs, loaded for bear.

Comment: Goodby, *New Jersey*. Maybe, maybe not. Here she comes. Wa over. Another miss. And another. Wow! Right alongside. That rocks her.

Above the bombers circle, the modern circle of death. Helmets and goggles instead of warpaint, that's the only difference. Another close one. That's the last one. Six of eight in about the same spot, too far away to do damage. That's a systematic error, something wrong with the sighting apparatus.

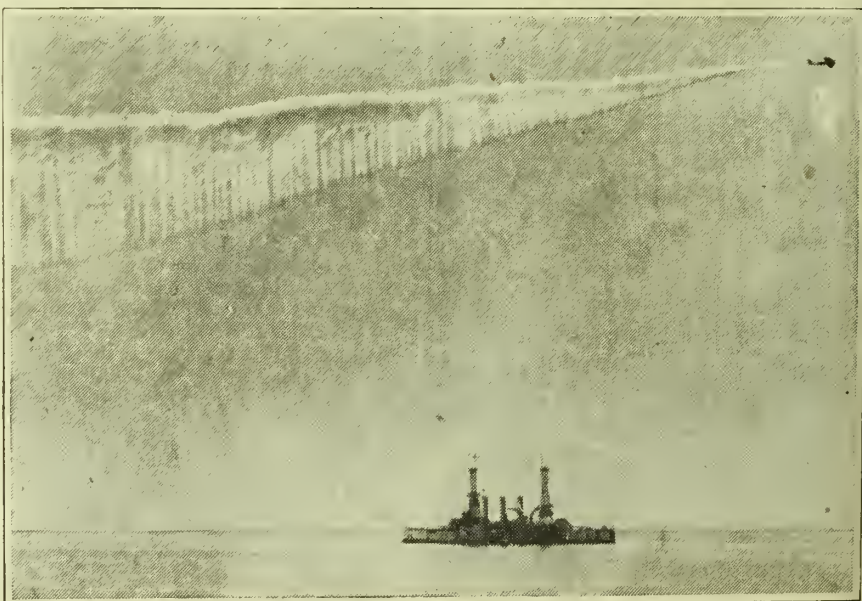
The Navy is jubilant. The Army is silent. The air enthusiasts are straining their eyes through glasses endeavoring to discover an unnoticed weakness, a mortal wound.

"She's listing badly," observes an Army man. "You can see the whole deck and the top of the cage mast."

"Bunk," retorts a Naval officer. "There isn't any material damage. The ship is still with the fleet and fighting. I've been watching her close for ten minutes and she hasn't increased her list one degree. Those close ones may have loosened a plate or two but that ship is sound as a nut."

The discussion is suspended. Here comes the first flight again loaded with 1100-pound bombs at 3000-foot altitude. That's a sighting-bomb. It was aimed at the *Virginia*. They're going to let the *New Jersey* go. On the way. That was close. Sweet Papa! Right on the nose. Amidships on the *Virginia* there is a flash of red flame and the superstructure is hidden in a pall of black smoke. Debris flies beyond the fringes of the cloud. The smoke lifts slowly. What a picture. The towering cage masts and heavy funnels, the entire steel superstructure has been swept level like so many reeds in a hurricane blast.

"No death blow there," says the Navy commentator. "The damage is all superficial. Everything below is tight. The port and starboard guns and crews and the men in the masts are out of action but the forward and aft guns



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and the crews in the turrets are safe. She can still defend herself."

Bombs continue to shower down. Perfect! One on either side. She's listing badly. That must have punctured her tires.

The Navy is talking again. "After Jutland, Beatty's flagship came in drawing forty feet of water, understand the bow was ten feet under water. You Army men don't know the punishment a battleship can take. That ship can defend herself and get back to port under her own power. Those for'ard and aft guns are still clicking. Don't fool yourself there. What if she is listing? That's because your deck wreckage is all on one side. That's what makes her list. You can still use those guns if you allow for your firing position. You should have seen Beatty's flagship after Jutland—" He was saved the repetition. The *Virginia* overturned while the *St. Mihiel* was steaming alongside. Topheavy she heaved over, the keel pointing heavenward and the red steel of the bottom hidden by black barnacles. Slowly she sank, stern first. Within thirty minutes from the time the first bomb was loosed the ripples closed over the bow.

Then we had a divertissement—a new smoke screen devised by the Chemical Warfare division. A pretty sight. An airplane speeding at 100 miles an hour at 600 feet altitude is hanging a curtain behind it. It is an opaque white screen dropping for a mile with the evenness of a theater drop. It hangs for a moment and then diffuses, blending with the horizon so that ships ten miles away are invisible. The consensus of opinion is that it is a good screen.

Time out for lunch. The morning spectacle is naturally enough the one topic of conversation. Is it better to try for a direct hit on the ship or to place bombs alongside where the incompressible mass of the ocean is a battering ram for the explosive force? That hit amidships on the *Virginia* was certainly ruinous. But the real damage was done to the hull by those two bombs on either side. Perhaps.

"Aim for the ship and if you hit alongside all right too," suggests an Army observer.

Here's a late comer to lunch. "We just ran alongside the *New Jersey*," he reports. "No great damage on deck but she appears to be increasing her list to port."

A Navy man follows. "It's just a slow leak," he assures everyone. "The ship is still a unit of the fleet. You Army men don't know the punishment a battleship can stand. After Jutland, Beatty's flagship came limping in—" etc.

Let's go back on deck. Here they come again, four of them with 1100-pounders at 3000 feet. Rotten shot, way over. Another miss. What's the matter with those fellers. Willie Mitchell's luck isn't running today. The Army is beginning to regard the *New Jersey* as their jinx. The Navy smiles grimly. An obsolete old tub with only two compartments is standing up pretty well. The new ships have as many as eight inner hulls and as many compartments. The Navy is still floating all right, thank you. Here comes another. Poor. Another one is close. Another is a miss. A good one. That weakened her plates all right. She is increasing her list.

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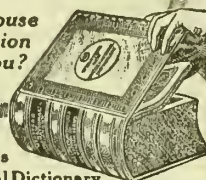
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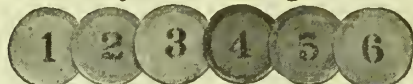
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"She's finished anyway," insists the Army air service champion.

"You don't know the punishment a battleship can take," replies the Navy man with heat. "Why, after Jutland—"

"We now know all about Beatty's flagship," someone cuts in.

It's getting late. The barometer is dropping. We're heading into a storm. "Mitchell better get busy," says an air service officer.

Here they come, four bombers with General Mitchell in the lead.

The program calls for 2000-pound bombs. Only four chances to make good. A corker! Right alongside. The geyser washes the deck and the old wreck trembles under the deluge. Here's another. Great! Headed right alongside. Too bad. It's a dud. We watch the skies now darkening although it is not yet four in the afternoon. Twice one bomber has circled sighting. That boy is waiting for the position he wants. Here he comes again. There she goes. Whoop! Right through the deck. The flash of red in the black cloud of doom. The wounded ship heaves and as the armor of the hull breaks away there is a gush of sea water propelled from the hold by concussion. That was perfect.

"Must of gone right through the grating over the boiler room," observes a Naval constructor.

The *New Jersey* is listing badly now. There she goes. Exactly two minutes from that last hit. Gracefully the ship does a barrel roll, keel and black-barnacled hull all that is visible. Bottom's up, all right. She is sinking by the stern like her sister, the waters creep up along the keel, gurgling and boiling. We approach as near the vortex as safety permits. Six minutes from the moment of that direct hit the *New Jersey* has disappeared beneath the waves.

There is applause by the spectators. How futile with the bombers already heading back to their base and deafened in the roar of their motors.

"Don't rub it in. This doesn't prove anything," advises a Naval officer to a group of newspapermen.

"I toured the World in the *Virginia*," says another Navy man gazing reflectively at the spot where the *New Jersey* had gone down. "We were the blue-bloods of the fleet then." You turn to see who is speaking expecting to be confronted with a gray-beard. But it's only a young man talking, maybe 35, not older. "I had the only stateroom on board that was without ventilation. The boy who shared it with me died of gallopin' consumption. There were three white plague victims from that stateroom. But she was a good ship." No sob in the throat or tears in the eyes. Just cool comment.

General Mitchell makes his airplane prance like a spirited horse around the *St. Mihiel*. His friends look up and clasp their hands. Good work.

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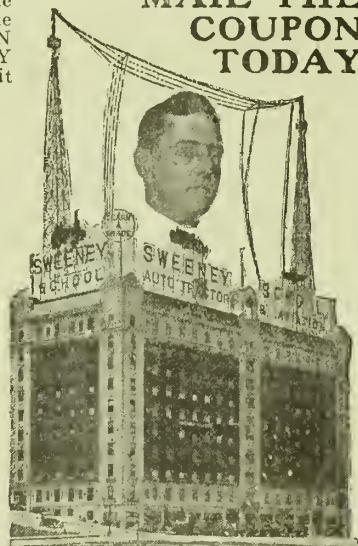
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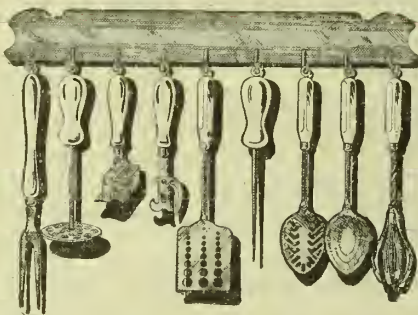
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